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TODAY'S MUST-READS

BOSTON

Soldiers' Home bill planned

Senate President Karen Spilka said yesterday she expects to see legislation filed to address the failed governance of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home that led to the deaths of 77 veterans from COVID-19, but she did not call for Gov. Charlie Baker to be forced to testify before the Legislature.

Spilka issued her statement three days after a special legislative committee tasked with reviewing the March 2020 Holyoke Soldiers' Home outbreak filed its report blaming the Baker administration for failing to address the poor leadership of former Superintendent Bennett Walsh. **Full story, Page A6**

ECONOMY

State's jobless claims reach pandemic low

Massachusetts had an estimated 8,357 workers file an initial claim for unemployment insurance in the week that ended May 22.

That was a decrease of 795 from the previous week, and a new record low since the pandemic disrupted the economy more than a year ago. **Full story, Page A6**

BOSTON

Mass. public health chief stepping down

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel plans to step down June 18, after leading the Department of Public Health through the first 15 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Full story, Page A6**

WEATHER

Cloudy, cooler, with afternoon rain.

High: 63°; **Low:** 44°

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WESTFIELD

A 'jewel of the Air National Guard'



Elected officials and Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport personnel get together for a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Taxiway Sierra yesterday. Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, U.S. Rep Richard E. Neal, D-Springfield, and a squadron of state and local officials welcomed the \$4.7 million taxiway and ramp project during a ceremony yesterday. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

Barnes Regional Airport celebrates \$4.7 million taxiway project

By JIM KINNEY

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Gov. Charlie Baker, U.S. Rep Richard E. Neal and a squadron of state and local officials welcomed a \$4.7 million taxiway and ramp project yesterday at Barnes Air National Guard Base and Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport.

The celebration of Taxiway Sierra comes just weeks before an Air Force team is to visit Barnes June 21-25 and evaluate the base for upgrades either to the next-generation F-35 fighter jets — which would cement Barnes' role in the Air Force's plans for decades — or newer versions of the F-15s it has now. The F-15EXs wouldn't be the latest technology and wouldn't provide as much long-term security for the base.

Westfield Mayor Donald Humason and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito also spoke at the event. Officials, including

Baker and Neal, had a short private meeting in a hangar before the groundbreaking.

Baker met last week with top Air Force brass at the Pentagon, part of a Washington visit that also included meeting with Neal, D-Springfield, and the rest of the state's congressional delegation.

Speaking with reporters on the base with the 104th's current F-15s roaring overhead, Baker said he wasn't given an indication as to which new planes the unit will get.

"They still are working on what they think is the best way to deploy that," Baker said.

But he said he's convinced that Barnes, which generated a 1,600 jobs worth an \$85 million payroll in 2019, according to the base, will be in the Air Force's future plans.

"But they are very impressed with

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Gov. Charlie Baker, left, greets U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal prior to the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new \$4.7 million Taxiway Sierra at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport yesterday. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

SPRINGFIELD

'An historic step'

Deacon's ordination to Armenian Church embraces several firsts

By ANNE-GERARD FLYNN

Special to The Republican

Deacon Timothy Aznavourian's ordination to the Armenian Apostolic Church priesthood will embrace several historic firsts for those whose families fled their homeland more than a century ago.

"I will be the first American-born priest ordained by an American-born bishop in the entire Armenian Church ever," said the 32-year-old Boston native whose grandparents fled Armenia during what the United States officially recognized recently as the genocide that occurred there in the aftermath of World War I. "It is an historic step. It is likely I am the first diaspora-born priest ordained by a diaspora-born bishop."

The two-day ceremony that begins today and concludes tomorrow is being held at St. Mark Armenian Church where Aznavourian has been deacon and will continue as pastor. His ordination marks a first for the church on Wilbraham Road as it has been more common for such ordinations to be

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Deacon Timothy Aznavourian, who is being ordained this weekend at St. Mark Armenian Church, is shown here at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, in Armonk, N.Y., where he studied. (PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIANNE AZNAVOURIAN)

CHICOPEE

Food Bank unveils plans for \$22M headquarters

Chicopee site will be twice size of Hatfield location

By JEANETTE DEFORGE

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During the coronavirus pandemic, the need for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts grew dramatically, but there are days when new donations of food, especially produce that needs to be kept cold, cannot be accepted.

"We are completely out of space. We are staggering schedules, and we have had to turn away donations because we don't have enough refrigerator and freezer space," said attorney Erica Flores, president of food bank's board of directors.

That problem should end when a new home for the food bank is completed in Chicopee by the summer of 2023. Plans for the significantly larger warehouse, administrative headquarters and distribution facility were unveiled yesterday at the Chicopee River Business Park.

The new food bank will be more than twice the size of the existing facility in Hatfield, which is to be sold to help cover the estimated \$22 million relocation project, according to Andrew Morehouse, executive director.

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Barnes

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this base. They made that very clear to us,” Baker said. “They love the fact that the community is so supportive of this base.”

A decision is expected in the fall.

Barnes, both a civilian and military installation, has a total economic impact of \$236.8 million, according to the airport authority here. The total number of jobs, civilian and military, tops 2,100.

Maj. Gen. Gary Keefe, adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard, called Barnes a “jewel” of the Air National Guard, crediting that fact to Massachusetts’ willingness to spend state money on improvements to military bases like Barnes.

“We couldn’t continue to do this without all of you,” he said, before giving a recruiting pitch for young people interested in both a career and in becoming part of something larger than themselves.

Taxiway Sierra is a \$4.7 million project funded from the state’s 2014 Military Bond Bill.

Col. David Halasi-Kun, vice commander of the 104th, said the taxiway will allow the unit to refuel and if necessary rearm fighter jets without turning them off, thus saving more than an hour when the pilots might not have time to waste. It also allows the 104th to deploy more easily and creates more room for freight aircraft to load up people and equipment.

The 104th Fighter Wing is tasked with providing armed fighter jets ready to scramble over the Northeast in response to any airborne threat. The unit is responsible for protecting a quarter of the nation’s population and over one-third of its gross domestic product.

Halasi-Kun said the 104th also has a deployment mission. It can be summoned by U.S. commanders anywhere in the world.

For civilian aircraft, the project will create new parking space big enough for

three Boeing 737s, along with making it easier and safer for aircraft to move around on the ground. This will help Gulfstream, which has a large maintenance facility on this part of the airport for corporate jets.

Taxiway Sierra also gives the military a place to park more aircraft, like a visiting unit of fighter jets coming to train with the 104th.

More closely tied with the campaign to get the F-35s is an upcoming gate project. The \$4.5 million gate, planned for years for Southampton Road (Routes 10 and 202), will be resistant to a ground attack by terrorists and similar to one recently built for the Connecticut Air National Guard at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks. The gate is something the Air Force wants at bases that get the F-35s, he said.

State housing and economic development secretary Mike Kennealy confirmed a commitment for the gate project, with an expected start of construction next year.

But Baker said the Air Force is less interested in plans for the future than in what work Barnes already has in “the ground.”

The state’s Military Bond Bill funded a \$9 million runway resurfacing effort in 2014 and almost \$1 million in energy efficiency improvements in 2015. There was a \$12.2 million renovation including safety and energy efficiency upgrades to a 50,517-square-foot hangar building in 2018.

Neal, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, spoke of how the investment at Barnes is a driver of civilian employment, with 83% of the flights nonmilitary.

“It is a message we need to amplify,” he said. “On the federal level, I will continue to advocate for Barnes and their critical missions that protect us here in Western Massachusetts and across our nation.”

Neal also took time to thank the guard both professionally and personally for its role in restoring and maintaining order at the U.S. Capitol after the rioting Jan. 6.



Alan Peterfreund, a member of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts board and the head of its building committee, explains a drawing of what will be the Food Bank’s new home in the Chicopee River Business Park. For more photos, visit [MassLive.com](https://www.masslive.com). (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

Food

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The site is located at the corner of East Main and Carew streets, where city and state legislative leaders, along with community supporters, gathered to celebrate the project.

“We have a long way to go and a lot of work to do,” Flores said.

The food bank purchased 16.5 acres of land in the long-vacant business park from WestMass Area Development Corp for \$449,000 about five months ago.

It currently has a schematic design that officials are still tweaking to ensure it will meet the needs of the food bank and fit well with the neighborhood. The plan is to begin construction no later than the spring of 2022 and move by the summer of 2023, Morehouse said.

“(Now) the work begins,” said state Rep. Joseph F. Wagner, D-Chicopee. “We will all get to work to try to help you raise some money.”

He then joked that state Rep. Orlando Ramos, D-Springfield, whose district includes the area where the new food bank will be located, will be having a sit-down with Gov. Charlie Baker to discuss possible state funding.

Ramos laughed but pledged to do everything to help. “Thank you for providing this service,” he said. “Many people never envisioned they would be needing these services.”

Food bank officials will be applying for federal New Market Tax Credits as well as grants from MassDevelopment. It will also seek out other state, federal and private grants, Morehouse said.

A major capital campaign, which will have a goal of raising \$14.5 million, is also planned. Morehouse said they have already received a commitment from the Polish National Credit Union, based in Chicopee, and are working with other corporations who are regular supporters. People interested in making a donation can go to food-bankwma.org.

Among others speaking at the event were Big Y Foods president and CEO Charles L. D’Amour, who cited his family’s deep roots in Chicopee, where the Y Cash Market was started in the 1930s. D’Amour said Big Y is committed to continuing its long-standing support for the food bank.

The campaign will begin as the region is trying to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and at a time when the food bank has to continue to work to raise money to provide food for the hungry.

“We believe there is no better time than the present because of the frequent awareness of the critical need,” Morehouse said.

Over the past 16 months of the pandemic, the food bank has seen a 29% increase in the food provided to 17% more people. The food bank

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Andrew Morehouse

distributes to a network of 165 independent local food pantries, meal sites and shelters along with providing services of its own, including mobile food banks that deliver fresh produce to area communities.

At an estimated 65,000 square feet, the new building will be more than twice as large as the existing 30,000-square-foot building in Hatfield. That building dates back to the food bank’s establishment almost 40 years ago.

The new building will also be more energy efficient and easier to reach for a large number of the food bank’s clients because of its proximity to Interstates 291 and 91 and the Massachusetts Turnpike, said Alan Peterfreund, chairman of the Building Committee and a member of the board of directors.

Many praised the location, saying it will be easier for most clients to reach. The food bank supplied to more than 200 food pantries and meals sites across the four counties of Western Massachusetts but some of its biggest clients are in Hampden County including those in the two largest communities in the region, Chicopee and Springfield. Hampden County also accounts for the most residents among the four counties who are food insecure.

“We are really excited to be the food hub of Western Massachusetts for decades to come,” said Mayor John L. Vieau.

He and Wagner said they hope the food bank project may also spark further development of the Chicopee River Business Park. The park was created more than 20 years ago as a high-tech industrial park on the location of the former Oxford Country Club on land in Springfield and Chicopee. Despite its easy highway access, the about 90 acres of land remains largely vacant.

“Here we are all these years later and it just hasn’t caught. I don’t know what the reason is,” Wagner said. “I’ve talked to people a whole lot smarter than me, and they don’t know what the reason is either.”

While the food bank proposal was something the developers of the Chicopee River Business Park never envisioned, needs and priorities change over time, he said.

“This is a critically important project for our region. We all know and, I’m certain, have been touched by issues related to food security and food insecurity,” Wagner said.

Deacon

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held in a cathedral rather than in a parish where the new priest would serve.

Bishop Daniel Findikyan, the first American-born Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church, is performing the ordination and helping to restore the tradition of such ceremonies being held where the candidate will minister. The Rev. Father Shnork Souin, the first Canadian-born priest in the Armenian Church, is the sponsoring priest. Souin is pastor of Saints Sahag & Mesrob Armenian Church in Providence, Rhode Island, and guided Aznavourian in his faith as a young adult member there.

Aznavourian said the historic aspects of his ordination have yet “to seep in,” but that he hopes to continue to help his parishioners, who number about 100 families from Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, grow in faith as he grows as a minister now able to celebrate all the sacraments with them.

He is a graduate of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, in Armonk, New York, as well as St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York, and will spend 40 days in seclusion at St. Nersess following his ordination to reflect on becoming a priest.

“Armenians have been in diaspora outside their homeland for the past 100 plus years. Our family got here in the 1920s,” Aznavourian said. “There is that separation from that homeland and, hopefully, I will be better able to serve the needs of my people.”

Aznavourian speaks both Armenian and Russian and spent 10 months in 2018 studying at Georgian Theological Seminary in the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin in Armenia.

Armenia is considered the first country to have adopted Christianity around the year 300, and remains predominantly Armenian Orthodox though small numbers of other faiths are found there, and the see outside the capital of Yerevan is considered the mother cathedral.

Aznavourian’s wife, Julianne, also speaks Armenian. The couple, who were married in 2016, rented an apartment in Armenia during his time at the seminary there and she studied at a university.

“It was peaceful at the time though tense politically as this was right after the (pro-democracy) Velvet Revolution,” Aznavourian said. “We lived next to a family about our age with two kids and enjoyed spending time with them. There is more of a community atmosphere there. The culture seems a little like what America would have been in the 1950s. Lots of parks to walk in. We would take group taxis to the capital about 20 minutes away for less than \$2.”

Aznavourian said he was always drawn to the music and theology of the Armenian Church, but that it was the “authenticity” of Souin as his pastor that helped him decide in his early 20s on a vocation.

“He is very authentic,” Aznavourian said. “He really stressed not having false piety, being very genuine and being very open.”

Aznavourian said “visitation” is central to his own vocation and cited a passage in the Gospel of Matthew 25 as his approach to ministry.

“This is where Jesus says I was hungry and you gave me food,” Aznavourian said. “I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was naked and you gave me clothes. I was a stranger and you visited me.”

He added, “The idea of visitation is a very biblical one; a very Christian one.”

“It is what we will be judged on as Christians,” Aznavourian said. “If we haven’t done what Jesus outlined then we will be judged for that. Modeling that presence, that love toward others, mod-

eling patience. It is also being able to be open about one’s own shortcomings, especially as a priest. This gives others room to be open as well and to work on that.”

Aznavourian said that he grew up in a “moderately religious” home. His mother was raised in the Roman Catholic Church, his father, in the Armenian Orthodox. The Armenian Church is independent and has its own leader, the Catholics, but shares much common ground with Roman Catholicism in its origins.

Aznavourian said his ordination will highlight the traditions of Armenian Christianity. The ancient ordination hymns will be in classical Armenian, and Mass is always celebrated in that language.

He will be dressed during the ceremony that can be viewed on Facebook, today at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m., in vestments handmade in Armenia, with a prayer associated with the putting on of each part, and be given a new name by the primate.

“The Armenian Christian understanding of ordination is less about the individual person and more about the Church as a whole,” Aznavourian said. “I will be ordained to do all the sacraments, but the whole church is lifted up. The main song that is sung during the ordination is ‘Rejoice, O Holy Church.’”

Aznavourian said that the first part of the ceremony this evening represents the “Service of Calling” and is “where the bishop in a liturgical setting examines the faith of the candidate.”

“On Saturday in the context of the Mass there will be an ordination where there is the laying on of hands by the bishop and the anointing with holy myron or chrism,” said Aznavourian of the consecrated oil. “He will anoint my forehead and that is when I will receive a new name. The bishop picks the name. It could be anything - one of the apostles, an Old Testament prophet or a saint. It has some meaning for the bishop, the candidate, for the community. What he sees in us or wants to see in us.”

Aznavourian said he believes that the 40-day isolation after a priestly ordination is only done in the Armenian Church.

“We are the only Christian church to my knowledge that has that 40-day seclusion after the ordination of a priest,” Aznavourian said. “Basically, it is like a retreat and models the 40 days in the wilderness that Jesus had. You go into isolation and prayer and do all the services of the Church. You read spiritual, theological books. It is a time of reflection on what has just happened and what the priest feels called to do in his ministry.”

Aznavourian said that he wants to stress social justice in his ministry.

“I would like to address how our Armenian Church that has been affected by genocide and xenophobia and how we as Armenians who have been in America for over 100 years can be a blessing to Springfield,” Aznavourian said. “How we as a church can help Springfield.”

Aznavourian said that St. Mark’s “runs on lay leadership and ministry” and that that the Armenian people and their Church have always “integrated” into the community where they are with the first Armenian Church in this country being established in Worcester.

He is pleased, since he studied classical guitar in college, that one of his parishioners will play the classical guitar at the banquet Saturday that follows the ordination ceremony.

“I was initially a music major,” said Aznavourian who earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Rhode Island College. “There is a very strong connection between the priesthood and a love of music and even with our faithful who are very musically oriented.”

LOTTERIES

MASS. DAILY NUMBERS

Thursday, May 27

	Mid Day 8664	Evening 1886
Exact order		
All 4	\$5,574	\$4,445
First or last 3	\$780	\$622
Any 2	\$67	\$53
Any 1	\$7	\$5

Any order		
All 4	\$464	\$370
First 3	\$260	\$207
Last 3	\$260	\$207

Previous numbers drawn		
Wednesday	5700	8764
Tuesday	8162	7367
Monday	0219	7670
Sunday	9168	5696
Saturday	5604	5237
Friday	0568	3554

MEGA MILLIONS

May 25	14-21-31-34-54
Megaball: 11; Megaplier: 3	
May 21	6-9-17-18-48
Megaball: 8; Megaplier: 3	

MASS CASH

May 27	Not available
May 26	6-18-19-23-29
May 25	8-9-11-13-33

MEGABUCKS

May 26	17-18-30-34-47-48
Doubler: 0	
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million	
May 22	1-11-19-36-37-43
Doubler: 9	

LUCKY FOR LIFE

May 27	Not available
Lucky Ball: NA	
May 24	3-6-7-36-48
Lucky Ball: 3	

POWERBALL

May 26	2-8-21-34-62
Powerball: 16; Power Play: 2	
Estimated jackpot: \$253 million	
May 22	3-19-27-37-40
Powerball: 8; Power Play: 2	

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A new world when Biden meets Putin

WHEN PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN MEETS NEXT month in Geneva with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, the scheduled one-day confab will surely be nothing like the meeting Putin had in Helsinki with then-President Donald Trump. At that get-together, in July 2018, Putin was clearly the top dog, with the sycophantic Trump dutifully playing his role as underling.

To have watched the pair at their post-meeting press conference, one got the clear impression that Trump was either standing in awe of Putin, or had in some way been compromised and was in no position to stand up to the Russian strongman.

Next month’s meeting will surely be an entirely different story.

Biden knows who Putin is, having long ago taken measure of the man, and won’t in any way be deferential to the thug-ish Putin, who rules the successor state to the failed Soviet Union like a mob boss operating a crime syndicate.

Biden will doubtless show up in Geneva fully prepared for the meeting. He and his team will have an agenda and will stick with it. Which, of course, doesn’t mean that Putin won’t try to get up to some degree of shenanigans, but he won’t get anywhere.

Biden needs to push the current Russian president and former top KGB agent on any number of key matters. Not that Putin will really listen, but it’ll be important for him to hear it from Biden.

For a great many years after World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union were the planet’s lone superpowers. These days, Putin likes to act as though the old world order remains in place. But it doesn’t. At all. The nation he heads is a rusted shell of a once-powerful country with diminishing economic strength and lessening clout on the world stage. What Russia has, more than anything else, are dimming memories of better days – and those weren’t really so great – and a wealth of natural resources. Oh, and a vast arsenal of nuclear weapons from the bad old days of the Cold War.

China is ascendant and Russia has long been on the skids. And it’s not only that Biden knows this going into next month’s meeting with Putin, but that Putin knows it, too. And understands clearly that Biden is on to him, his nation’s standing.

Should be quite the get-together.

EDITORIAL

Eric Carle represents human spirit

WHEN ONE THINKS OF INFLUENTIAL CHILD-hood authors, Theodor Seuss Geisel, Maurice Sendak, Roald Dahl, A.A. Milne, E.B. White and, of course, Eric Carle come to mind.

Carle, beloved author and illustrator, best known for his book, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar,” which has sold nearly 55 million copies and has been translated into more than 62 languages, has died.

Carle’s books have been passed down for generations, and his illustrations and themes will likely live on for generations to come. His imagery and unforgettable colors are forever pressed into the memories of those who cherish his work.

Carle’s more than 70 works have sold more than 170 million copies.

While Carle’s aim was mostly to entertain, his books have become a strong source for learning. “I do my best to simplify and refine, to be logical and harmonious. But I also try to keep an open mind, to listen to my intuition and allow for the unexpected, the coincidental, even the quirky to enter into my work,” he said. “Ultimately, my aim is to entertain, and sometimes to enlighten, the child who still lives inside of me. This is always where I begin.”

Children’s books can cover many topics and take many forms, but Carle’s books, for young minds, tell stories of learning, growing and hope. “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” covers all those themes and is a timeless tale appealing to all.

Carle’s framing of voice and use of color in his illustrations provide an incredible tool to help many children learn to count, spell and understand colors. Many of his books have been crafted into workbooks and tools for the classroom, increasing the influence of his reach into young minds.

Over the years, Carle’s books have been animated and digitized, but to look and touch and feel the texture of one of his books is the best way to experience his work. From the titles, Carle’s works represent a sense of simplicity, yet cover complex themes. This is evident in books such as “Brown bear, Brown bear, what do you see?”

“The Very Hungry Caterpillar” was written in 1969. For a book to have influence over such a long period is a testament to an author who can forever relate to the human spirit and teach the young mind. We should be forever grateful for such an influence and voice.

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‘The Code’ of the NHL has no cure for stupid

IT WAS AN AWFUL SIGHT. THE play during a first-round game of the Stanley Cup playoffs last week seemed routine – Toronto Maple Leafs center and captain John Tavares was checked by Montreal Canadiens defenseman Ben Chiarot. But as Tavares fell, Montreal’s Corey Perry, speeding toward the play, jumped to avoid Tavares but instead struck him hard with a knee to the head.

Everyone instantly knew it was bad. The Toronto arena, empty of fans, somehow got even quieter. No one could do anything but wait, in fear and hope, as medical personnel attended to Tavares.

The players’ somber reaction to the injury seemed so respectful, so right. How would these teams – historic rivals facing each other in the playoffs for the first time in 42 years – now get back to playing? Then came the answer. The Leafs’ Nick Foligno, by word or gesture, said to Perry: Let’s go. They dropped their gloves and the fight began.

It was so wrong. So tone-deaf to the moment and to both teams’ initial response.

The Code.

There has always been a basic understanding in hockey: You do wrong to me, and I do wrong to you. You “take the number” of the other guy, and eventually get him back. Like the Golden Rule, except instead of a virtuous cycle, a vicious one.

But I don’t remember when the Code became so unassailable, so almost biblical. When it got to be more than taking the other guy’s number and getting him back on your time, in your way. Now,

everyone’s watching. Judging you. Your character. Even more than that, your team is counting on you – you cannot let your teammates down. Someone from the Leafs had to challenge Perry, and Perry had to agree to fight.

When the Code kicks in, that is when things can get stupid.

And when the Code becomes this absolute, this ingrained among players, somehow it becomes absolute and ingrained in the league itself, and in the NHL Players’ Association – as though no matter what transpires, they have no right to intervene. This is hockey, and in hockey we settle things our way, on the ice, where they should be settled.

But then the Code becomes the final and only answer for everything. If the referee issues a two-minute or five-minute penalty for a cheap shot or a hit to the head, and the other team’s players don’t think that it’s enough, they’ll settle it. They’ll go after the offender and deliver their own judgment. And if the league imposes “supplementary discipline” after the game for a serious transgression but the opposing team deems it insufficient, the Code takes over.

That’s what happened earlier this month i involving the Washington Capitals and New York Rangers. In a goal-mouth pileup, the Capitals’ Tom Wilson, seeing the Rangers’ Pavel Buchnevich face down on the ice, punched him in the back of the head. The league fined Wilson, a repeat over-the-line offender, just \$5,000. No suspension.

With the two teams playing again two nights later, the Code demanded a response from the Rangers. Stupid

led to stupider. The moment the puck was dropped to start the game, sticks and gloves were tossed and three fights began, as though choreographed. What other game, at the top level of what other sport, might begin in this way?

The Code has nothing to do with being tough. Hockey players are right-through-the-line-up, all-the-time tough. No sport has players who are tougher. Sidney Crosby is tough, Connor McDavid, Alex Ovechkin, Auston Matthews – they go into the corners and in front of the net, where they know they’re going to get slammed and chopped. They are tough in all the ways hockey fans love hockey. But they aren’t stupid-tough. Not often.

The Code has no cure for stupid. An eye for an eye easily escalates to two eyes for an eye. It pushes players to do what the Code expects, whether that’s good for the players, their opponents, or the game itself. In our own lives, we have cops and judges, but in almost everything we do, we police our own behavior because there can’t be cops and judges everywhere. And mostly it works. But when it doesn’t, cops and judges intervene. Where is the league? Where is the Players’ Association?

The Rangers-Capitals mess in their rematch just looked like anarchy. Tavares’s frightening concussion didn’t come from anything malicious. It was an unavoidable, unfortunate accident. In both cases, the Code kicked in. And what followed was ridiculous.

Ken Dryden, a former goaltender for the Montreal Canadiens and member of the Hockey Hall of Fame, was a member of Canada’s Parliament from 2004 to 2011.

HENRY OLSEN | THE WASHINGTON POST

The world needs the Tokyo Olympics

PRESSURE IS GROWING FOR Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga to again postpone this summer’s Olympic Games in Tokyo. The games should go on as scheduled, and the world should chip in to help ensure the Japanese people stay safe as they do.

The COVID-19 pandemic has already forced the Games to be postponed once, from last summer to this July. Olympic leaders had thought that would give Japan enough time to prepare, but the country is experiencing yet another wave of infections. While mild by comparison to the pain endured by other countries, it is serious enough for Japan to have imposed a state of emergency in Tokyo and other major metropolitan areas. This, in turn, has led the Japanese to express opposition to the Games being held on time. Polls show up to as many as 83% of Japanese want them canceled or postponed.

Organizers of the Games say that they can be safely held despite the surge in infections. Fans from other countries will not be permitted to enter the country, significantly reducing the risk to Japanese citizens. Athletes and their official entourages will be limited to the official residences and only allowed to travel between those residences and the training or competition venues. Presumably, they will also be subject to the sort of rigorous testing and isolation regimes

that virtually all sporting competitions have implemented since they resumed last summer. These provisions, perhaps supplemented by limiting the number of Japanese fans allowed to watch the events, should suffice to prevent the international celebration from turning into a superspreader event.

The Games should continue because the world needs an example that life can be normal again. The Summer Olympics are virtually the only event that truly unites the globe in friendship. An estimated 3.6 billion people, nearly half of the world’s population, watched the 2016 Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro. Athletes from 87 countries won medals at those games, giving joy to citizens from small and low-income countries. The burst of global confidence that can arise from a successful Olympics is incalculable.

Of course, safety should be paramount. Success under the circumstances means that neither the visiting teams nor the Japanese people are subjected to increased risk of catching the virus.

First of all, this means dramatically increasing the rate of vaccination among the Japanese. Only 5.6% of the population has received at least one dose of the vaccine. Efforts have picked up significantly in the past week, with more than half a million Japanese now receiving their first doses each day. But at the current rate, only 36.5 million people, less than 30% of the country’s popula-

tion, will have received at least one dose before the Games begin. That number should rise significantly, possibly with the United States steering some of its 80 million excess doses to Japan as fast as it can.

The comparatively low rate of vaccination is especially problematic because Japan has one of the world’s oldest populations. Japan’s official statistics estimates that 29% of the country, or about 36.3 million people, is 65 years old or older. If current vaccination rates persist, it is theoretically possible to partially vaccinate the highly vulnerable people, but only at the expense of almost everyone else in the country. Nations with vaccine surpluses must work to dramatically expand vaccine access.

Countries should also donate spare medical equipment and even send mobile hospital beds to Japan. The United States, for example, could send two of its floating hospital ships to Tokyo and keep them there for weeks after the Games close. The United States and other countries could also reassure the Japanese by preparing plans to quickly send vaccinated and experienced medical personnel to the country if necessary.

The world needs a ray of sunshine after the darkness of the past year. The Land of the Rising Sun is the perfect country to provide it. The world should work with the Japanese government to make sure we get the ode to joy we all need.

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WESTFIELD

Neal touts Westfield’s share of rescue plan

Congressman:
Families will be
the big beneficiary

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U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal yesterday announced Westfield’s share of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan: \$9.3 million for the city government, \$11.5 million for its schools and \$12.8 million for Westfield State University.

Neal, D-Springfield, spoke at a press conference in Westfield City Hall with Mayor Donald Humason. It was the most recent in a series of press conferences Neal, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has hosted in city and town halls around the region talking about the federal coronavirus relief package.

As chairman of Ways and Means, Neal was responsible for \$941 billion, or about half, the total package of the Rescue Plan approved in March.

Neal’s office announced the funding for Westfield State and other colleges and universities — both public and private — earlier this month.

Neal has already made announcements in Holyoke,

which expects \$32 million, and Springfield, which expects between \$97.5 million and \$127.3 million.

Chicopee will receive \$29.9 million for the city, and the Chicopee Public Schools will receive \$24.6 million, Neal’s office said.

Families in Westfield will be the big beneficiary, Neal said, with child tax credits approved under the American Rescue Plan. Starting in July, parents will start receiving checks of about \$300 a month for children under 6 and about \$250 a month for children 6 to 17.

The only federal rules the city knows of now are that the money cannot be used to lower taxes and cannot be put toward pension liability.

Cities around the region plan to use the money for infrastructure, school building and upgrade, and police and fire departments. Westfield is entering its budget process now.

The Biden administration plans to follow up the American Rescue Plan with other ambitious spending packages: the \$1.7 trillion American Jobs Plan for infrastructure and a separate \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan.

But there is Republican opposition. On Thursday, GOP minority senators proposed

a \$928 billion infrastructure plan that taps unused COVID-19 relief funds.

“Keeping the conversation alive is a good thing,” Neal said.

He said the House Democrats and Biden would prefer it to be bipartisan. He acknowledged the gap between the proposals.

“But there is also a ways to go here,” he said.

He mentioned GOP senators including Mitt Romney of Utah, a former Massachusetts governor, who might be willing to budge.

“Inch by inch and maybe member by member were are going to try and pick them off as best as we can,” he said.

Ways and Means is in charge of tax policy. Biden wants to raise the corporate tax from 21% to 28%. Neal wouldn’t go into specifics of a tax plan yet. He said he’s talked to all 222 House Democrats.

“You should know that they have all given me advice on a tax plan. It’s generally good for their constituency,” he said.

Neal took questions from city officials, including Ward 2 Councilor Ralph J. Figy and city engineer Mark S. Cresotti. They wanted to know how and when Westfield can get that infrastructure cash.

BOSTON

Senate passes \$47.7B budget

Film tax credit,
rideshare fees
bound for
conference talks

By MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

The Senate unanimously passed a \$47.7 billion budget for next year after three days of debate over how best to invest state resources as Massachusetts looks to recover from the hardships of the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senate President Karen Spilka said the budget that passed 40-0 would put Massachusetts on “stable fiscal footing” and begin to restitch the fabric of society that had frayed over the last year, while Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues said the bill would help get the state “back to better.”

“Overall, we have charted a hopeful path forward,” Rodrigues said.

The vote sets the stage for negotiations with the House over a range of issues, from the film tax credit to fees on Uber and Lyft rides, but perhaps most consequential will be the decision the two branches will have to make about revenues.

Both the House and Senate relied on revenue projections of just over \$30 billion in taxes for the fiscal year that begins July 1. But with revenue continuing to pour in at a clip that has exceeded expectations month after month, Democratic leaders have said they could consider increasing the projection.

The budget also did not tap into any of the \$5.3 billion in discretionary federal dollars the state is expecting to receive from the American Rescue Plan Act, which

Democratic leaders have said they want to allocate through a separate spending bill.

In keeping with that approach, senators rejected amendments that would have steered federal funds to the unemployment solvency fund to reduce the burden on business owners. They also turned aside amendments to extend the authorization for restaurants to serve to-go cocktails beyond the COVID-19 state of emergency as House and Senate leaders are working on a separate review of pandemic policies they might want to extend.

The budget that passed the Senate would increase spending by close to \$1.3 billion over fiscal 2021 after senators added \$63.7 million to the bottom line through amendments, putting the final total on par with what was approved last month by the House.

WASHINGTON

GOP offers \$928B on infrastructure

By LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

President Joe Biden yesterday warned naysayers in Congress not to “get in the way” of his big infrastructure plans as the White House panned a counteroffer from Republican senators to tap unused COVID-19 relief for a more modest investment in roads, highways and other traditional public works projects.

After touring a manufacturing technology center at a community college in Cleveland, Biden held up a card with the names of Republicans lawmakers who had rejected his coronavirus aid bill in Washington but later promoted its assistance when they were back home in front of voters. He warned them not to play similar games as he pushes this next legislative priority in Congress.

“I’m not going to embarrass anyone, but I have here a list,” he said. “If you’re going to take credit for what we’ve done,” he continued, “don’t get in the way of what we need to do.”

The political arguments over Biden’s ambitious

proposals are quickly distilling into a debate over the size and scope of what all sides agree are sorely needed upgrades to the nation’s aging and outmoded infrastructure.

As the president reaches for a soaring legislative achievement with his \$1.7 trillion American Jobs Plan and a separate \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan, he is assessing whether he can cut a bipartisan deal with Republicans or will have to push through his proposals with only Democratic votes.

Republican senators outlined a \$928 billion infrastructure proposal yesterday as a

counteroffer to Biden, drawing a fresh red line against his plans raise the corporate tax, from 21% to 28%, to pay for new spending. Instead, the Republicans want to shift unspent COVID-19 relief dollars to help cover the costs, a nonstarter for many Democrats.

The Republican senators said their offer, raised from an initial \$568 billion, delivers on “core infrastructure investments” that Biden has focused on as areas of potential agreement. With about \$250 billion in new spending, the GOP plan remains far from the president’s approach.

WASHINGTON

Biden to propose \$6T budget to make US more competitive

Proposal to run
\$1.8T deficit to
finance spending
plans

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

President Joe Biden’s \$6 trillion budget proposal for next year would run a \$1.8 trillion federal government deficit despite a raft of new tax increases on corporations and high-income people designed to pay for his ambitious spending plans.

Biden had already announced his major budget initiatives, but during a rollout today, he will wrap them into a single proposal to incorporate them into the government’s existing budget framework, including Social Security and Medicare. That provides a fuller view of the administration’s fiscal posture.

Capitol Hill aides confirmed key elements of the Biden plan, which were first reported by The New York Times on yesterday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the document is not yet public.

The whopping deficit projections are being driven by Biden’s costly plans for infrastructure and social spending, along with major new investments in domestic Cabinet agencies. The budget incorporates the administration’s eight-year, \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal and its \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan and adds details on his \$1.5 trillion request for annual operating appropriations for the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

The Biden budget is sure to give Republicans fresh ammunition for their criticisms of the new Democratic

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President Joe Biden

administration as bent on a “tax and spend” agenda with resulting deficits that would damage the economy and impose a crushing debt burden on younger Americans. Huge deficits have yet to drive up interest rates as many fiscal hawks have feared, however, and anti-deficit sentiment among Democrats has mostly vanished.

“Now is the time to build (upon) the foundation that we’ve laid to make bold investments in our families and our communities and our nation,” Biden said yesterday in an appearance in Cleveland to tout his economic plans.

“We know from history that these kinds of investments raise both the floor and the ceiling over the economy for everybody.”

The unusual timing of the budget rollout — coming the Friday before Memorial Day weekend — indicates that the White House isn’t eager to trumpet the bad deficit news. Typically, lawmakers host an immediate round of hearings on the budget, but those will have to wait until Congress returns from a weeklong recess.

Under Biden’s plan, the debt held by the public would exceed the size of the economy and soon eclipse record levels of debt relative to

gross domestic product that have stood since World War II. That’s despite more than \$3 trillion in proposed tax increases over the decade, including an increase in the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, increased capital gains rates on top earners, and returning the top personal income tax bracket to 39.6%.

Like all presidential budgets, Biden’s plan is simply a proposal. It’s up to Congress to implement it through tax and spending legislation and annual agency budget bills. With Democrats in control of Capitol Hill, albeit barely, the president has the ability to implement many of his tax and spending plans, though his hopes for awarding greater budget increases to domestic agencies than promised for the Pentagon are sure to hit a roadblock with Republicans. Some Democrats, however, are already balking at Biden’s full menu of tax increases.

The Biden plan comes as the White House is seeking an agreement with Senate Republicans over infrastructure spending. There are growing expectations that he may have to go it alone and pass his plans by relying on support from his narrow Democratic majorities in both the House and Senate.

The flood of new spending includes \$200 billion over 10 years to provide free pre-school to all 3- and 4-year-olds and \$109 billion to offer two years of free community college to all Americans. Also, \$225 billion would subsidize child care to allow many to pay a maximum of 7% of their income for all children under age 5. And another \$225 billion over the next decade would create a national family and medical leave program.

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MONSON

Church to mark tornado anniversary

There will be a remembrance event Tuesday, marking 10th anniversary of the June 1, 2011 tornado that devastated sections of downtown, that destroyed many trees — and brought a massive community recovery reconstruction effort.

The 5:30 to 6 p.m. public event will take place at The First Church of Monson Congregational - United Church of Christ, located at 5 High St. The church was heavily damaged from the tornado but has since been repaired.

“Please join us at the First Church of Monson to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the June 2011 tornado. We invite all that were affected by the tornado to gather on the front lawn where our steeple fell. We wish to honor what was lost and show gratitude for the lives that were spared and the love & support we received,” the church said in a statement.

SPRINGFIELD

Man charged with armed robbery

A 40-year-old Springfield man is facing armed robbery charges after he is said to have threatened a clerk at a Liberty Street discount store with a rock Wednesday afternoon, police said.

Police spokesman Ryan Walsh said Herminio Gonzalez is accused of taking several items from the Family Dollar store at 665 Liberty St. When he left the store, an employee chased after him. At some point after he realized he was being pursued, Gonzalez picked up a large rock and said he would hit the clerk with it.

Walsh said up until that point the matter would have been considered a case of shoplifting. Once he used the rock as a weapon, the charges against Gonzalez expanded to armed robbery and threatening to commit a crime.

Fire displaces 5 residents

An early morning fire at a home in the city’s Forest Park neighborhood yesterday caused significant damage and two people were injured jumping from a second-floor window to escape the flames, a fire official said.

Capt. Drew Piemonte, Springfield Fire Department spokesman, said the two people had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital for treatment. He said their injuries were not life-threatening.

In all five people were displaced in the fire at 75 Earl St., he said.

AMHERST

Principal search reopened

The search for a new principal at Fort River elementary school has begun anew; the top candidate accepted a position elsewhere.

Earlier this year, the district said four finalists had been vetted, and this quartet made public presentations to the community.

Superintendent Michael Morris and Assistant Superintendent Doreen Cunningham, in a recent statement to staff and Amherst school district families, wrote: “The screening committee, interview committee, staff members and Fort River family members who provided feedback strongly supported one of the four finalists as the best fit for Fort River Elementary, and we agreed with their recommendation. Unfortunately, that candidate chose to accept another position.”

BOSTON

Senate president plans more Soldiers’ Home legislation

Spilka: No need for Gov. Baker to testify before Legislature

By State House News Service

Senate President Karen Spilka said yesterday she expects to see legislation filed to address the failed governance of the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home that led to the deaths of 77 veterans from COVID-19, but she did not call for Gov. Charlie Baker to be forced to testify before the Legislature.

Spilka issued her statement three days after a special legislative committee tasked with reviewing the March 2020 Holyoke Soldiers’ Home outbreak filed its report blaming the Baker administration for failing to address the poor leadership of former Superintendent Bennett Walsh.

Walsh’s hiring was not something fully explored in an outside investigation by former federal prosecutor

Mark Pearlstein, who was hired by Baker. Spilka said she was “disturbed by the inconsistencies” in the Pearlstein report compared with other news accounts, but did not echo other lawmakers this week — including Senators Jamie Eldridge and Eric Lesser — who said Baker should be called to testify.

“The Commonwealth — and especially the families of the veterans who died in the COVID-19 outbreak — deserve answers to those questions. With several active investigations currently ongoing, we expect Governor Baker and his Administration to be forthcoming on the legitimate questions that are being asked,” Spilka said.

The Democratic leader also said the Senate “remains fully focused on dramatic, drastic, and swift governance reform to our veterans’ services to ensure the tragedy that occurred in Holyoke never happens again.”

“We expect to file, and hold a public hearing on, a reform bill with expediency. We look forward to hearing from, and working with, stakeholders to ensure these vital reforms become law,” Spilka said.

Earlier in the week, House Speaker Ron Mariano similarly said he did not think it necessary to call Baker to testify.

“I don’t think there’s any need for us to do another hearing, to go over and regurgitate the same facts. I think our report stands for itself,” the Quincy Democrat has said.

Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, who helped lead the legislative inquiry, said she and he co-chair Sen. Michael Rush have started drafting legislation based on their report, which recommended, among other reforms, ensuring that the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home superintendent to be a licensed nursing home administrator.

Baker recommended reforms last session, but lawmakers opted not to act on them while they were exploring the wider set of issues involved in the Holyoke Home outbreak and the

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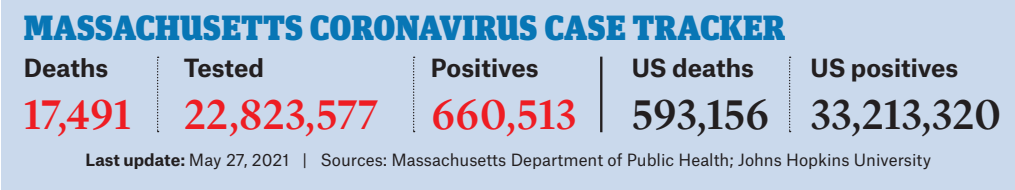
Senate President Karen Spilka

home’s management and oversight.

During a press conference at Barnes Air National Guard Base yesterday, Baker dodged a question by a reporter with The Republican asking specifically whether he planned to offer formal testimony on the matter.

“I drew many of of the same conclusions as the Pearlstein report and made several of the same recommendations,” Baker said. “I have a feeling that because we do need to move forward with some of the reforms — both the ones that were recommended by us and Pearlstein and the ones that were recommended by the Legislature ... I fully expect we’re going to continue to be discussing this thing going forward.”

The Republican’s Jim Kinney contributed reporting.



ECONOMY

State’s jobless claims reach pandemic low

Decreases in layoffs widespread across all sectors

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Massachusetts had an estimated 8,357 workers file an initial claim for unemployment insurance in the week that ended May 22.

That was a decrease of 795 from the previous week, and a new record low since the pandemic disrupted the economy more than a year ago, the Massachusetts Executive office of Labor and Workforce Development said yesterday.

Decreases in layoffs were widespread among all sectors of the economy.

As a percentage, the biggest increase in new claims was in agriculture, forestry or mining. But that was based on raw numbers that only increased from 39 in the week ending May 14 to 44 in the week ending May 22.

Health care and social assistance saw claims drop by 116, while professional and technical services saw claims drop by 99.

The news comes as local unemployment rates fall and employers report difficulty finding candidates.

The unemployment rate in Springfield was 10.9% in April, the lowest mark for the city since the coronavirus pandemic began. And the region added about 3,000 jobs during the month.

Next month, the state will reinstate requirements for unemployment recipients to look for work.

Nationally, new unemployment claims also hit a pandemic record low yesterday. There were 406,000 new claims — a decrease of 38,000 from the previous week’s unrevised level of 444,000. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020, when there were 256,000 new claims, the U.S. Department of Labor said.

Far more Americans are receiving unemployment benefits than the last time the jobless rate was at the current 6.1%, thanks to a major expansion of the federal safety net that has provided aid to millions of people out of work.

Yet many businesses and Republican officials say all that jobless aid has contrib-

uted to worker shortages in some industries, which is why most GOP-led states are moving to cut off the federal support.

About 15.8 million people received unemployment aid through one of several benefit programs during the week of May 8, the latest period for which data is available, according to a Labor Department report yesterday. That’s nearly eight times as many people as received jobless payments in August 2014, when the unemployment rate was where it is now and roughly the same proportion of adults had jobs.

The primary reason for the expansion is that the government created two emergency programs in last spring’s pandemic relief legislation. About three-quarters of all unemployment beneficiaries — nearly 12 million people — are receiving aid through one of those federal programs. One of them provides payments to the self-employed and gig workers, who had never been eligible for jobless aid before. The other program benefits people who have been unemployed for more than six months. Both are scheduled to end Sept. 6.

Yet 20 states have announced this month that they will cut off the emergency aid early, beginning as soon as June 12, according to an Associated Press analysis, including Texas, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina. As a result, about 2.5 million people will lose all their unemployment benefits by early July. Those states are also ending an extra \$300 weekly federal payment to the unemployed.

Four other states, including Florida and Arizona, are ending the \$300 payment only.

Collectively, those cutoffs of aid coincide with a steady decline in the number of people applying for jobless benefits.

The decision by some states to end the aid early highlights the key role the benefits payments have played since the onset of COVID-19. Now, more people — and a higher proportion of the jobless — are receiving unemployment aid than in any past recovery, according to data that extends to the late 1960s. That expansion of aid, economists say, captured millions of people who in previous recessions had fallen through the cracks.

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Arindrajit Dube, an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, suggested that the enhanced aid was a key reason — along with three rounds of stimulus checks for most individuals — why Americans’ incomes, as a whole, actually rose during the recession despite the loss of millions of jobs.

“That is a success story,” Dube said, “and I think that’s something we should look at and recognize as a good thing.”

Another reason incomes rose is that so many people who lost jobs had been paid comparatively little, while higher-paid professionals who mostly worked from home generally kept their jobs. In fact, total wages and salaries have already rebounded to pre-pandemic levels, even though the economy has 8.2 million fewer jobs.

In the fall of 2014, when the job market was in similar shape, just one-quarter of the unemployed were receiving aid. By then, emergency programs that provided benefits in the aftermath of the Great Recession for as long as 99 weeks had ended. And as the economy slowly improved, many states took steps to limit the availability of unemployment payments, such as reducing the duration of aid.

Now, more Americans are actually receiving jobless benefits that are officially counted as unemployed, though that reflects quirks in the data. The government says 9.8 million people are unemployed.

As the economy improves, analysts say that the large proportion of people receiving benefits, along with the \$300-a-week supplemental payment, may contribute to labor shortages. But jobless aid can also allow people the time to find work that is a good fit for their education and experience, which is helpful for the economy.

“You don’t want someone to take the very first job that comes along,” said Jason Furman, an economist at Harvard who was an adviser to President Barack Obama. “You want them to take a job that’s good for them. ... But you don’t want them turning down multiple jobs, either.”

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.

BOSTON

Mass. public health chief stepping down

Bharel served as state’s top physician for 6 years

By KATIE LANNAN
State House News Service

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel plans to step down June 18, after leading the Department of Public Health through the first 15 months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders announced Bharel’s departure plans yesterday, saying she wanted to “extend my deepest thanks to Commissioner Bharel for her service to the Commonwealth during these unprecedented times and to wish her the very best as she pursues her next professional chapter.”

Deputy DPH Commissioner Margret Cooke, who joined the department in 2015 as its general counsel, will serve as interim commissioner.

A primary care physician with a master’s in public health degree, Bharel served as the chief medical officer for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless before joining the Baker administration



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in 2015. She contracted and recovered from COVID-19 last year, and later in 2020 took an unrelated temporary medical leave, during which Cooke served as acting commissioner.

“It has been an honor and privilege to serve residents of the Commonwealth as the state’s top physician and the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health,” Bharel said in a statement. “After serving in this role for more than six years, which is longer than any Public Health Commissioner has served in nearly a quarter of a century, it is the right time to begin a new chapter.

DPH staff have helped make Massachusetts a national leader in COVID-19 testing and vaccination while demonstrating a tireless commitment to placing health equity front and center of that work. Because of our work these past six years, Massachusetts now consistently ranks as one of the healthiest states in the nation.”

CHICOPEE

Mayor seeks 2nd term

By JEANETTE DEFORGE
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Mayor John L. Vieau formally announced his plans to run for reelection on Wednesday after submitting his nomination papers.

Vieau is the first mayoral candidate to have papers certified to appear on the ballot. Three other people, Angela Breault-Klusman, Alissia J. Heath and Claire Bertrand, have taken out papers to run for the position and have up to Aug. 3 to return them with the 250 signatures needed.

Vieau took office in January 2019 after serving 10 years on the City Council, four of them as president. Barely two months after he was sworn in as mayor, the coronavirus pandemic hit.

“I look back on the past year and a half, I think about what we were able to accomplish during this challenging period,” he said. “I’m excited about what we can accomplish moving forward and I know that should we be faced with another unprecedented event, that our city is prepared.”

He talked about Chicopee being one of the few communities to operate its own long-running testing facility, being among the first in the state to issue a mask order for businesses, and the pickup meal services that provided thousand of lunches and dinners to the elderly and children. He also thanked state and federal lawmakers who came through with the money to make it possible for the city to weather the financial difficulties of the pandemic.

“Together we worked through the challenges, providing over 60 grants to keep businesses open. We helped over 30 families stay in their homes through rental assistance and provided free COVID testing to Chicopee residents,” he said.

Vieau also talked about how city officials and residents learned to adapt amid the struggle to help those who did get sick, and the sadness of losing friends. Teachers learned to run classes by computer when schools had to close and car parades and online gatherings replaced special events.

Death Notices

Services and calling hours

ADDISON, JR., Eddie
A funeral home service will be held on Saturday, May 29th at 11:00 AM at the Byron Keenan F.H., 1858 Allen Street in Springfield. Burial will be private.

COLEMAN, Richard T.
Calling hours Sat., May 29 at 10 AM at Our Lady of the Cross Church on Holy Cross Avenue in Holyoke, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 AM at the church. Burial will be Sat., June 5 in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington, MA.

DAVISON, Shirley Ann
Visiting hrs at Hall Funeral Home and Tribute Center, Boothbay, ME on 6/2 from 4-7pm. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Boothbay Harbor, ME, on 6/3 at 10am.

DENSON, SR., Deacon Henry
Services will be 5/29. Calling hrs at 10am. Services at 12pm at Deliverance Central Ministries, Springfield.

DISTEFANO, Mildred L.
Family and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Friday, May 28th at 11:30am. Burial in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

FISH, Diolinda M.
Visitation Thurs., May 27, 4-7PM at Beers & Story Belchertown, Mass in St. Francis of Assisi at 11am. Burial to follow in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Springfield.

INNARELLI, Pauline J.
Family and friends are invited to Pauline's Liturgy of Christian Burial, Friday, May 28, 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Masks & social distancing required.

JONES, John Allen
Visiting Hours: Saturday, May 29, from 8-8:45AM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acre. A Funeral Home Service will follow beginning at 8:45AM. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery

JONES, Odessa
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LANDRY, Peter S.
Visitation at Beers & Story South Hadley, Sat May 29, 3-4pm. Funeral home service beginning at 4pm.

PEPIN, Theresa
Visitation Sat., May 29th 8:30-10:15am at Brunelle Funeral Home, Mass 11am at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Chicopee. Burial in the St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Montgomery St., Chicopee

RZEPKA ALLEN, Alicja
Calling hours are Saturday from 8:30-10:15AM at Kozlowski Funeral Home, followed by a Mass 10:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery.

SADKOWSKI, Antoni
Calling hours will be on Friday, May 28, 8:30-10:30 am at Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield, MA, followed by a funeral mass at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church and burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, both in Westfield. www.firtionadams.com

STRYCHARZ, Lawrence A
Calling hours, Friday 4-7 P.M. at Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, Funeral, Saturday at 10:00 in St. Peter's/St. Casimir's Parish, 34 State St. Westfield, MA. Burial, Pine Hill Cemetery.

VALENTINE, Robert
Funeral Fri. 8:30 am St. Pierre-Phaneuf Springfield Chapels (413-737-1177). Mass 11 am Sacred Heart Church, Springfield. Visiting Hours Fri. 8:30-10:30 am before Mass. stpierrephaneuf.com

Francoise Georgette Belanger 1933 - 2021



CHICOPEE
Francoise Georgette (Picca) Belanger, 87, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2021. She was born in Crusnes, France to the late Jean Baptiste and Olga (Romiti) Picca. She will be deeply missed by her children Nancy McKay and her husband Dr. David McKay of Longmeadow and William Belanger and his wife Rita of Bondsville, her grandchildren Jess McKay and his wife Fanny Pierre, Kyle McKay and his wife Natalie Cocoa Ducauch, Nicholas Belanger and his wife Marissa, Sarah Valanzola and her husband Matthew and Emily Belanger, her great-grandchildren Theo Valanzola, Madeline Belanger and Dominick Belanger, her brother Dr. Matthew Picca and his wife Janine of France, and her first cousin Hugette Mizenko of Chicopee. Francoise was predeceased by her loving husband Joseph Belanger in 2014. Services are entrusted to Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, and will be held privately by the family. To leave an online condolence, visit www.forastiere.com.



Ben Arthur Smith 1934 - 2021



PALM BAY, FL
Ben Arthur Smith 87, was born in Shellman, GA on April 11, 1934, the eldest son to the late Bennie Lee Smith and the late Alice C. Smith. He moved to Springfield, MA in 1955. Ben fought adversity and became the first Black supervisor of Moore Drop Forge/Craftsman tools. He retired in 1990 and moved to Palm Bay, FL. Ben peacefully went to his eternal rest on Sunday, May 16, 2021. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Louise Smith, daughter Sharon Smith and siblings Jimmie Lee Smith and Lucy Mae Knighton. Loving memories will forever be cherished by his children, Jeffrey J. Smith (Evelyn), Melinda D. Thomas and Bruce E. Smith (Adrienne); grandchildren Moya Smith, Keona Smith, Vanessa Sanders (Quentin), Chari Smith, Tori Smith, Chiniqua Smith, Jeffrey C. Smith; eleven great grandchildren and many friends and family members.

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Shirley Ann Davison 1943 - 2021



Shirley Ann Liddle-Davison passed away peacefully on May 22, 2021. She was born on September 24, 1943, on a Friday in New York City. She was born to Russell and Bessie Liddle. She attended Queens College, Long Island College and New York University. She became a registered nurse and was devoted to the profession for 55 years. Shirley Ann was a medical administrator at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA., St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay Harbor, ME., and for Rousseau Management in Midcoast ME. In addition, Shirley Ann published several nursing journals. She spent her career as a mentor and an inspiration to countless others in the nursing field. Shirley Ann was a consultant and educator in many schools, and was passionate about the Maine Special Olympics Organization. Shirley Ann was predeceased by her husband the love of her life Richard Davison, who passed away in 2015, three grandchildren, John, Chi and MacAlister. Brother and sister-in-law John and Kathy Liddle.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Darlene Carmolli (Larry) of Chelmsford, MA., Lori Puza (Robert) of West Springfield, MA., Peter Davison (Lesley) of Topsham, ME., Kenneth Davison (Laurie) of Westfield, MA., Theresa Gregal (John) of Westerly, R.I., and Emily Davison (Lyndsey) of Red Hook, N.Y. She was blessed with eleven grandchildren, Christina, Tyler, Kaitlyn, Ashley, Chiara, Matthew, Sarah, Leah, Ailyn, Wilder and Zora.

Siblings, Russell (Judy) Liddle, Mark (Sheryl) Liddle, Mary Beth (Michael) Polchaninoff, sister-in-law Ann Longley, and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held at Hall Funeral Home and Tribute Center, 975 Wiscasset Road, Boothbay, ME on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Boothbay Harbor, ME., on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Shirley Ann's memory and sent to Special Olympics Maine, 125 John Roberts Rd. #5, South Portland, ME 04106 or www.somaine.org.

Hall's of Boothbay has care of the arrangements. To extend online condolences, please visit hallfuneralhomes.com

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Robert E. Williams 1933 - 2021



SOUTHAMPTON
Robert E. Williams, 88, of Southampton, passed away peacefully in his home after a long illness on May 22, 2021.

Born in Holyoke, he attended Holyoke schools. After graduating from Holyoke High School, he served at Westover Air Force Base as an Airman 2nd Class. At the age of 23 he started his own business, "Williams Auto Sales" of Holyoke in which his son Scott along with his grandson Bobby (3rd generation), and partner Charlotte Ehret worked with him until his retirement at the age of 81. He will be remembered for his love of the ocean, boats, and antique cars as well as spending time with his family. He leaves behind his beloved partner Charlotte Ehret and her children Stacy and Stephen Powers and their daughter Cassidy; and Jennifer Ehret and her children Tyler and Kaelin Jaeger of Southampton; he will be sadly missed by his children Scott Williams and his wife Jeannette of South Hadley, and John P. Williams and his partner Kim Cormier of Easthampton; his beloved grandchildren Robert S. Williams II of South Hadley, Amy Sinico and her husband Rob of Gloucester, MA, Matthew Williams and his wife Sara of Franklin, MA; three great-grandchildren: Ellie, Morgan, and Owen; and his devoted brother and sister Ken Williams of South Hadley and Marilyn Wilson of Holyoke, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A funeral service will be held in the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, Holyoke, on Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 11:00am. Burial to follow in Forestdale Cemetery. Calling hours will be held that morning from 9:00 to 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 31805 or the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave, Waltham, MA 02451.

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IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Derik C. B. Jones 11/15/1969 - 5/28/1991

There hasn't been a happy moment or milestone in our lives that you weren't there in our hearts and thoughts. The void you left was filled with the joy of watching your daughter grow up and become a beautiful woman. As well as, all the beautiful memories and moments we shared with you. You left this world and us too soon. Although you weren't here long, your presence left an impact on all who had the pleasure of knowing you. It's been 30 years but you will never be forgotten.

Sadly, always and forever missed by your Mother Beverly Snyder Jones, your Father Benjamin Jones, your Sisters Teikko Jones and Akita Jones Hawkins, your Daughter Desiree Jones and Desiree's Mother, Cindy Figueroa. Love You Always! Rest In Peace!

In Loving Memory of



Louis Biscaldi 5/21/1917 - 5/28/1986

Dad, just to let you know, we still miss you every day. It's been 35 years and not a day goes by that we do not think of you. You were a great dad A+, a great husband A+, a great provider and then some. Your meals were absolutely the best and your pasta-fagioli was the best I ever had. You were simply a great guy. All our love forever. Give mom a big hug from all of us.

Charlene, Cindy, Michael, John, Ann & entire family.

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IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Alfred H. Colonna, Sr. Jan. 5, 1929 – May 28, 2020

On his 1st Anniversary
Forever loved,
Forever missed
by children Karen & Mauro, Carolyn & Ron, Skip & Heidi and grandchildren Christina & Brandon, Cameron, Alexa, Gianna & Darron, Kevin & A.J.

In Loving Memory of



Janet D. Westbrook Sept. 12, 1943 - May 27, 2018 On Her Third Anniversary

You live on in our hearts.
Love, your children.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial Service In Memory of Mary J. (Barr) Farrar



Burial Service followed by Celebration of Life in memory of Mary J (Barr) Farrar. Service will be held on Wednesday, June 2 at 1 p.m. Norwich Bridge Cemetery 50 Littleville Rd, Huntington, MA

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BOSTON

Senate agrees to spike 3 tax breaks

Branches must also settle film tax credit differences

By KATIE LANNAN

State House News Service

Tax credits for harbor maintenance and medical device companies' user fees and a tax exemption for certain patent-related income "no longer serve their desired purpose," according to Sen. Adam Hinds.

His Senate colleagues seemed to agree, voting Tuesday to adopt his budget amendment that would strike those three tax breaks from state law.

Hinds, the Senate Revenue Committee chairman is among the members of a state Tax Expenditure Review Commission created under a 2018 law to analyze the different tax exemptions, deferrals, credits and deductions that have been adopted over the years with the intention to accomplish certain goals and behaviors.

The commission put out its first report in March, and Hinds said his amendment tries to convert that report "into us taking action on those recommendations and recognizing when a tax expenditure is out of date and no longer necessary."

"We don't take the time to understand basic questions about these expenditures," the Pittsfield Democrat said before his amendment was approved on a voice vote. "Does it go to the intended beneficiaries? Is it a meaningful incentive for the purpose that we had agreed to?"

Does it justify the cost? Is it relevant for our daily lives in our modern economy?"

The commission said Massachusetts is the only state to provide "a dollar-for-dollar offset of the federal harbor maintenance excise tax," and that credit is claimed by a "small number" of filers — there were 79 to 88 claims annually during the 2015 to 2018 tax years.

"We conclude that while this credit does provide an incentive to use Massachusetts ports, we find it does not have a measurable benefit, and does not have any relevance today," the report said.

The commission members also strongly disagreed that the medical device user fee credit — which reimburses companies for certain fees paid to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration — "provides a meaningful incentive." The report said, "The use of this credit by less than half a dozen large companies is a strong indication that it is not relevant. While its low cost suggests it might be easily justified, we conclude the average tax credit is too small (\$34k) to provide a meaningful incentive to the relatively large businesses that claim it."

Massachusetts exempts from taxes for five years the income derived from the sale or transfer of certain patents that support energy conservation or alternative energy, and are approved by the commissioner of energy resources, according to the report, but the exemption is "so narrowly structured that no one has ever actually used it."

According to figures in the report, the two tax credits for harbor maintenance and medical device fees would add up to an estimated \$2 million in revenue loss in fiscal 2022, the year covered by the \$47.6 billion budget the Senate is debating.

The Republican.

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TURNING COOLER AND UNSETTLED

Clouds are increasing this morning, and while we are dry to start, low pressure passing to our south will bring rain to the region later this afternoon lasting into the first part of Saturday. Much of Saturday afternoon into Saturday night should remain dry, but it will be much cooler. Highs today will top out in the lower 60s but only in the upper 50s on Saturday, about 15 degrees below normal. After a cloudy but dry start on Sunday, another area of low pressure will pass to our south and bring more rain for Sunday night, and that rain could last into the first part of Memorial Day.

SKYWATCH

With an open view very low in the west-northwest starting at about 8:45 p.m., look for bright Venus less than a degree to the right of much dimmer Mercury before they sink from sight below the horizon.

– Patrick Rowan

THE WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY

Cloudy skies, p.m. rain
High 64
Low 45
TONIGHT

Rain

TOMORROW

A.M. showers, cooler
High 59
Low 44

SUNDAY

Cloudy, p.m. showers
High 64
Low 46

MONDAY

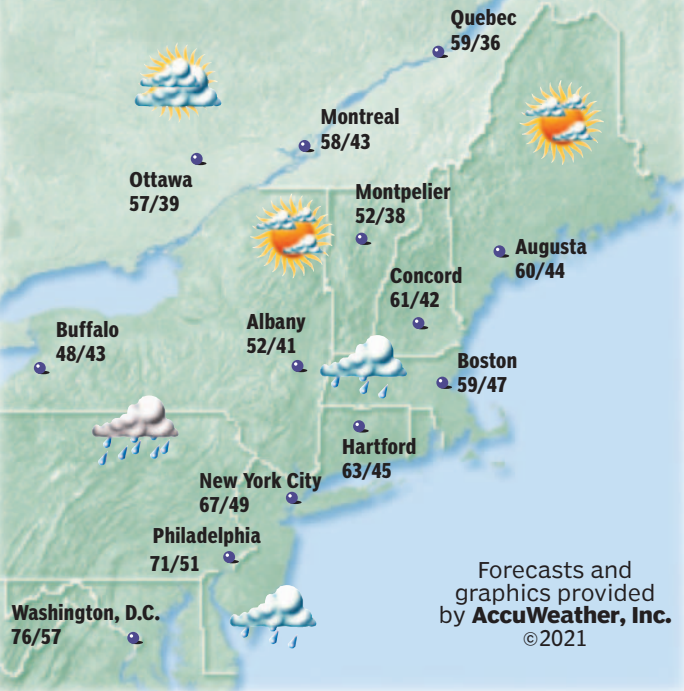
Showers around
High 68
Low 47

TUESDAY

Sun and clouds, warmer
High 74
Low 50

REGIONAL WEATHER MAP

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



SUN & MOON

Sunrise/set	5:19 a.m./8:17 p.m.
Moonrise/set	11:16 p.m./7:08 a.m.
Length of day	14:58
Day of year	148

MOON PHASES



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ALMANAC

At The Republican weather station ending at 5 p.m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday's high	78 at 4:00 p.m.
Yesterday's low	63 at 5:30 a.m.
Normal high	73
Normal low	52
Record high	90 in 2011
Record low	30 in 1969

Normal, record temperatures and rainfall recorded at Westover Air Reserve Base

ATMOSPHERE & WIND

Yesterday's high humidity	100%
Low humidity	38%
High barometric pressure	29.93 in.
Low barometric pressure	29.84 in.
Peak wind	16 mph at 9:00 a.m.
Pollen Count	
Grass	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	N.A.
Air Quality	
Yesterday	Good
Today	Good

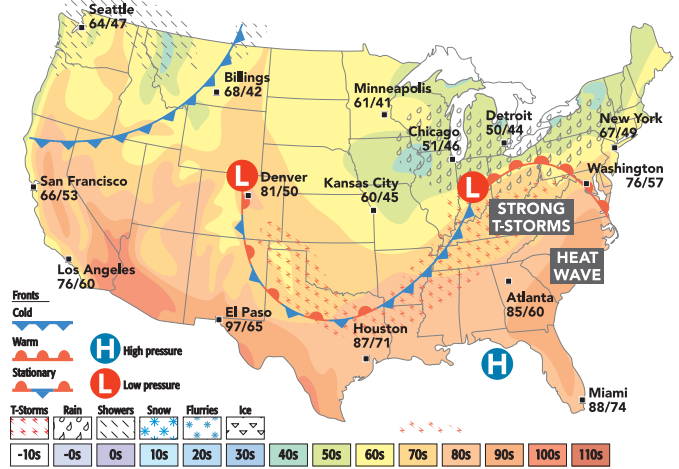
Air Quality Source: MassDEP

PRECIPITATION

Rain yesterday	0.06 inches
Month total	2.64 inches
Year total	14.09 inches

NATIONAL WEATHER MAP TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	86/60/s	88/61/pc	Nashville	75/52/t	62/46/c
Atlantic City	67/56/sh	60/54/r	New Orleans	89/73/pc	86/68/t
Baltimore	76/54/r	58/48/r	New York City	67/49/r	56/48/r
Burlington	56/42/pc	65/45/pc	Orlando	93/70/s	91/69/t
Charleston, SC	92/72/pc	87/62/t	Philadelphia	71/51/r	56/47/r
Charlotte	88/67/t	82/55/t	Phoenix	102/73/s	102/73/s
Dallas	85/65/t	77/64/c	Portland, ME	59/47/c	53/46/c
Des Moines	52/38/c	65/47/pc	Salt Lake City	81/54/pc	77/54/pc
Fairbanks	47/35/s	56/45/pc	San Francisco	66/53/pc	65/52/pc
Honolulu	86/71/pc	85/70/pc	San Juan	87/76/t	89/76/pc
Las Vegas	98/73/s	97/73/s	Seattle	64/47/sh	70/51/s
Los Angeles	76/60/pc	75/60/pc	St. Louis	60/47/c	66/48/s
Miami	88/74/s	88/75/pc	Tucson	100/67/s	100/66/s

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	82/65/pc	80/63/pc	Mexico City	81/58/t	82/59/t
Baghdad	112/76/pc	109/76/pc	Montreal	58/43/pc	65/47/s
Beijing	83/58/pc	79/55/pc	Moscow	71/57/r	68/47/r
Berlin	62/45/pc	66/44/pc	Nassau	84/74/pc	84/75/s
Dublin	56/49/sh	60/46/pc	Paris	70/53/pc	70/53/pc
Jerusalem	79/65/s	77/63/s	Rio de Janeiro	82/75/pc	88/73/s
Johannesburg	69/46/s	67/41/s	Rome	74/55/pc	74/59/pc
Kabul	90/61/pc	88/63/s	Seoul	69/54/sh	70/53/pc
Lima	68/63/pc	67/62/pc	Sydney	62/50/s	61/49/sh
Lisbon	80/58/pc	83/60/pc	Tokyo	74/69/pc	78/66/pc
London	65/52/c	68/49/c	Vienna	65/50/pc	64/47/sh
Madrid	82/59/pc	89/62/pc	Warsaw	62/48/sh	60/46/sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Official: Shooter admitted hating job in 2016

Gunman appeared to target some of the victims

BY TERENCE CHEA, JANIE HAR AND STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

A gunman who killed nine people at a California rail yard appeared to target some of the victims, a sheriff told The Associated Press yesterday, while a Biden administration official said he spoke of hating his workplace when customs officers detained him after a 2016 trip to the Philippines.

The shooter arrived at the light rail facility for the Valley Transportation Authority in San Jose around 6 a.m. Wednesday with a duffel bag filled with semi-automatic handguns and high-capacity magazines, Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith said in an interview.

‘‘It appears to us at this point that he said to one of the people there: ‘I’m not going to shoot you,’’’ Smith said. ‘‘And then he shot other people. So I imagine there was some kind of thought on who he wanted to shoot.’’

While there are no cameras inside the rail yard’s two buildings, Smith said footage captured him moving from one location to the next. It took deputies six minutes from the first 911 calls to find the gunman on the third floor of one of the buildings, Smith said.

He killed himself as deputies closed in on the facility serving the county of more than 1 million people in the heart of Silicon Valley. More than 100 people were there at the time, and authorities found five victims in one building and two in another, Smith said.

Authorities do not yet know whether the gunman had worked regularly with any of the victims. Investigators were serving search warrants for his home and cellphone, seeking to determine what prompted the bloodshed, the sheriff said.

‘‘I’m not sure we’ll ever actually find the real motive, but we’ll piece it together as much as we can from witness-esses,’’ she said.

The attacker was identified as 57-year-old Samuel Cassidy, according to two law enforcement officials who were not authorized to discuss the

investigation publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Cassidy had a memo book with notes on how he hated the Valley Transportation Authority, according to a Biden administration official who described a Department of Homeland Security memo that laid out Cassidy’s statements. The official saw the memo and detailed its contents to The Associated Press but was not authorized to speak publicly about an ongoing investigation.

The memo said he had books about ‘‘terrorism and fear and manifestos’’ but when he was asked whether he had issues with people at work he said no.

The memo doesn’t say why he was stopped after his 2016 trip. It notes that Cassidy had a ‘‘minor criminal history’’ and cites a 1983 incident where he was arrested in San Jose and charged with ‘‘misdemeanor obstruction/resisting a peace officer.’’

Cassidy’s ex-wife said he had talked about killing people at work more than a decade ago.

‘‘I never believed him, and it never happened. Until now,’’ a tearful Cecilia Nelms told the AP on Wednesday.

She said he used to come home from work resentful and angry over what he perceived as unfair assignments.

‘‘He could dwell on things,’’ she said. The two were married for about 10 years until a 2005 divorce filing, and she had not been in touch with Cassidy for about 13 years, Nelms said.

The three handguns he had appear to be legal, sheriff’s officials said. Authorities do not yet know how he obtained them.

He also had 11 high-capacity magazines, each with 12 rounds. In California, it is illegal to buy magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. However, if Cassidy had obtained them before Jan. 1, 2000, he would be allowed to have them unless he was otherwise prohibited from possessing firearms.

The sheriff said authorities found explosives at the gunman’s home, where investigators believe he had set a timer or slow-burn device so that a fire would occur at the same time as the shooting. Flames were reported minutes after the first 911 calls came in from the rail facility.



U.S. Forest Service firefighters carry out a prescribed burn May 14 on the grounds of the High Desert Museum, near Bend, Oregon. The prescribed burn is part of a massive effort in wildlands across the West to prepare for a fire season that follows the worst one on record. (KYLE KOSMA / HIGH DESERT MUSEUM VIA AP)

SALEM, ORE.

West prepares for wildfire season

Firefighters spark controlled burns, other prevention efforts

BY ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

Wearing soot-smudged, fire-resistant clothing and helmets, several wildland firefighters armed with hoes moved through a stand of ponderosa pines as flames tore through the underbrush.

The firefighters weren’t there to extinguish the fire. They had started it.

The prescribed burn, ignited this month near the scenic mountain town of Bend, is part of a massive effort in wildlands across the U.S. West to prepare for a fire season that’s expected to be even worse than last year’s record-shattering one.

The U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have thinned by hand, machines and prescribed burns about 1.8 million acres of forest and brushland since last season, officials from the agencies told The Associated Press. They typically treat some 3 million acres every year.

All that activity, though, has barely scratched the surface. The federal government owns roughly 640 million acres in the U.S. All but 4% of it lies in the West, including Alaska, with some of it unsuitable for prescribed burning.

‘‘All these steps are in the right direction, but the challenge is big and complex,’’ said John Bailey, professor of silviculture and fire management at Oregon State University. ‘‘And more needs to be done to even turn the corner.’’

The efforts face a convergence of bleak forces.

Severe drought has turned forests and grasslands into

dry fuels, ready to ignite from a careless camper or a lightning strike. More people are building in areas bordering wildlands, expanding the so-called wildland-urban interface, an area where wildfires impact people the most. Invasive, highly flammable vegetation is spreading uncontrolled across the West.

‘‘I’m seeing probably the worst combination of conditions in my lifetime,’’ said Derrick DeGroot, a county commissioner in southern Oregon’s Klamath County. ‘‘We have an enormous fuel load in the forests, and we are looking at a drought unlike we’ve seen probably in the last 115 years.’’

Asked how worried he is about the 2021 fire season, DeGroot said: ‘‘On a scale of 1 to 10, I’m a 12. Nothing looks good.’’

In other prevention measures in the West, utility companies are removing vegetation around power lines and are ready to impose blackouts when those lines threaten to spark a fire.

Armies of firefighters are being beefed up. And communities are offering incentives for residents to make their own properties fire-resistant.

Still, much work remains to change the region’s trajectory with fire, particularly in two key areas, said Scott Stephens, professor of wildland fire science at the University of California, Berkeley.

‘‘One is getting people better prepared for the inevitability of fire in areas like the wildland-urban interface. That includes new construction,’’ he said. ‘‘And the second is getting our ecosystems better prepared for climate change and fire impacts.’’

On the local level, individuals and communities need to create defensible spaces and evacuation plans, he said.

GENEVA

UN opens war crimes probe in Gaza conflict

BY JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

The top U.N. human rights body on yesterday passed a resolution aimed to intensify scrutiny of Israel’s treatment of Palestinians, after the U.N. rights chief said Israeli forces may have committed war crimes and faulted the militant group Hamas for violations of international law in their 11-day war this month.

The 24-9 vote, with 14 abstentions, capped a special Human Rights Council session on the rights situation faced by Palestinians. The session and the resolution were arranged by Organization of Islamic Cooperation countries, which have strongly supported Palestinians in their struggles with Israel.

The resolution, which was denounced by Israel, calls for the creation of a permanent ‘‘Commission of Inquiry’’ — the most potent tool at the council’s disposal — to monitor and report on rights violations in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. It would be the first such COI with an ‘‘ongoing’’ mandate.

The commission is also to investigate ‘‘all underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict’’ including discrimination and repression, according to the text. Amid signs that the resolution would pass, its authors added more teeth to its language with a late revision on Wednesday.

The revised text calls on states to refrain from ‘‘transferring arms’’ — the recipients were not specified — when they assess ‘‘a clear risk’’ that such weapons might be used to commit serious violations of human rights or humanitarian law. That appeared aimed to countries that ship weapons to Israel.

‘‘Today’s shameful decision is yet another example of the U.N. Human Rights Council’s blatant anti-Israel obsession,’’ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement. ‘‘This travesty makes a mockery of international law and encourages terrorists worldwide.’’

The Palestinian Authority welcomed the resolution, saying it amounted to ‘‘international recognition of Israel’s systemic oppression and discrimination against the Palestinian people.’’

‘‘This reality of apartheid and impunity can no longer be ignored,’’ it added.

China and Russia were among those voting in favor. Several Western and African countries voted no.

British ambassador Simon Manley said the commission’s ‘‘overly expansive mandate ... risks hardening positions on both sides,’’ and Austrian ambassador, Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, said the session ‘‘continues the regrettable practice of singling out Israel for criticism in the Human Rights Council.’’

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CELTICS

Boston seeking ‘wildcard’ vs. Nets

By **Brian Robb**
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The Boston Celtics entered their first-round playoff series with the Brooklyn Nets as the biggest underdog in the NBA. Nothing has changed on that front through two double-digit losses in Brooklyn, even though Boston put up a much better fight in Game 1 before faltering in the second half. An ugly blowout in Game 2 has sent coach Brad Stevens and his staff to the film to try to find a way to keep their undermanned roster competitive with the title favorites.

“I think the most important thing is, we’re down 2-0,” Brad Stevens said after practice yesterday.

“Tomorrow is important, tomorrow the edge, the pride and the competitiveness and everything needs to be at its best level. I feel good about things we’ve done in each of these games, but Game 1 was more representative of how we have to play to be successful.

“We have to be much more physical. We have to be better defensively. Hopefully we can attack better as these games go on. But edge, competitive level is a huge, huge part of the weekend.”

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Celtics coach Brad Stevens

One player who has shown the potential to be a difference-maker on the floor over the first two games has been center Robert Williams. The third-year reserve has been limited with his playing time over the first two games of the series due to turf toe, but was not listed on the injury report by the team yesterday, a sign perhaps that the injury is becoming less of a limitation.

With no minutes cap in place, it’s possible Williams could slot back into the starting five to provide a boost in the paint on both ends of the floor.

“The wild card for us is how much can Rob go, and how long can Rob go,” Stevens said. “And that’s really a day of game, how does he feel type thing.”

Williams played 22 minutes in Game 1 and just 16 minutes in Game 2 due to the second-half blowout. Two days of added rest could help him get closer to 25-30 minutes in a must-win situation.

Other roster adjustments could include a tweak to the bench rotation to increase the team’s size on the perimeter.

“I think it’s a little bit of a balance,” Stevens said. “I think obviously you’re talking, probably, when you’re talking about personnel and adjustments, you’re probably talking more about who eats up those limited minutes off the bench. And so that we’re looking at all that and we’ll determine how best to rotate it and everything else, especially with the way they’re rotating and the way that they’re playing; who’s in the game at what times.

“I felt like in both games

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE | AGAWAM 20, NORTHAMPTON 10

Brownies too much to stop

By **Gage Nutter**
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NORTHAMPTON — The first time the Northampton and Agawam high school girls lacrosse teams faced off, on May 13, the game was defined by effort.

Yesterday, the second time around, the winner was the team - and the players - that took advantage of its scoring opportunities.

Emily DeGeorge scored nine goals and added two assists and Kailey Butler scored five goals to lead the Brownies to a 20-10 victory as Agawam converted on eight of 11 eight-meter shots.

The Blue Devils’ efforts in competing for ground balls and winning draws provided several extra scoring opportunities as they scored seven of their 10 goals in the second and third quarters, but they could not sustain the attack.

“We weren’t taking care of the ball and they got it and scored,” said Agawam coach Carla Lemnah-Warner. “It got a little contact-y. I said stand your ground. Play your game. If you aren’t taking care of the ball or causing fouls in critical areas you are just handing over goals, and we handed over a few today.”

Agawam jumped ahead with five

straight goals in the opening period.

DeGeorge scored three straight off eight-meter shots, followed by two by Butler; one in open play and another off an eight-meter shot.

Agawam’s defense, especially early on, did a solid job of keeping Northampton’s attackers from crashing the net and redirected attackers to the outside. Captain Delaney Brown was a bright spot in that effort.

“She has stepped up and has become one of the top defenders in our league,” Lemnah-Warner said.

Agawam scored five more goals to open the second quarter, sprinting

out to a ten-goal lead in a variety of ways: on the break, cutting off-ball toward the net, taking defenders one-on-one, and from free positions.

Agawam hasn’t had a problem scoring goals, but with each game the attacking group feels it is ironing out more and more of its inefficiencies.

“At the beginning (of the season) we were staggered and disorganized at times,” Butler said. “We have more plays now and are more talkative and our movements are more team oriented. On the attacking end

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PATRIOTS

Rookie QB fitting in 1st-round draft choice cited for ‘good energy’



Patriots rookie Mac Jones throws a practice pass yesterday at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough as fellow quarterbacks Brian Hoyer, left, and Cam Newton look on. (STEVEN SENNE / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

By **Glen Farley**
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH — Wearing No. 50, Patriots rookie Mac Jones may not look like a guy who belongs in the quarterbacks room at Gillette Stadium.

According to one of the team’s receivers, though, Jones carries himself like a quarterback who truly belongs there.

“Mac, good energy, awesome guy,” wide receiver Kendrick Bourne said as the Patriots continued their organized team activities yesterday. “You can tell he’s happy to be here. He comes to work. You just can feel his energy, his leadership already.

“He has a swagger to him that I didn’t know that he had at first,” said Bourne, a veteran free-agent acquisition from San Francisco. “He’s out there confident, and that’s what you need in a quarterback and in all our players. You’ve got to have confidence. He’s come in with that.”

The Patriots’ first-round pick in this year’s draft, Jones arrives with an impressive college resume. The 6-foot-3, 214-pounder was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in 2020, a season in which he quarterbacked Alabama to the national championship.

But gone is the No. 10 Jones wore for the Crimson Tide. Now he wears No. 50, a number traditionally worn by linebackers and linemen.

The temporary change is all a part of a tradition for

Patriots rookies who play under coach Bill Belichick, the message being that the youngsters aren’t given, but must earn, their true numbers.

Jones has plenty of company on Belichick’s depth chart. Cam Newton, the 2015 MVP with Carolina, is coming off a disappointing season as Tom Brady’s successor at quarterback. Backups Jarrett Stidham and Brian Hoyer also return to a team that went 7-9 in 2020.

While Belichick made Jones the 15th overall pick in the draft, he was quick to make it clear that very night that Newton remains the team’s starter.

“Cam’s our quarterback,” Belichick said at the time.

While the four QBs the Patriots are currently carrying makes for a crowded situation on the practice field, Belichick said that’s not an anomaly.

“That’s really a situation at every position,” said Belichick. “It doesn’t matter whether you’re talking about 13 offensive linemen or eight defensive tackles or four quarterbacks or nine receivers, it’s hard to get everybody the right amount of work or get them the high volume, but I think you just try to balance that out and give everybody the opportunity, try to spread the reps out, and it’s very important for players at every position to learn from the guy who’s taking the reps. So even though they’re not in there taking it, mentally they can still take it and go through the

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BRUINS

Game 1 ready for prime time

No. 4 Islanders visit TD Garden tomorrow

By **Matt Vautour**
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As expected, the Boston Bruins and New York Islanders will start their second-round NHL playoff series tomorrow in NBC’s prime 8 p.m. national TV spot.

The game will be the first in TD Garden at close to full capacity.

Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said yesterday that he’d been planning for a Saturday game.

The No. 3-seeded Bruins will have home-ice advantage over the No. 4-seeded Islanders. Games 1 and 2 and if necessary 5 and 7 will be at TD Garden. The dates and start times for Games 2-7 will be announced after the rest of the first-round series have ended.

The Islanders haven’t been an easy opponent for Boston this year, especially early. The Bruins dropped their first five games (0-3-2) to the pride of Long Island but were much better after the trade deadline, winning the last three.

“We were healthier. At the start of the year, no excuses, but a lot of games were scheduled back-to-back and we were without people,” Cassidy said. “I don’t want to judge us on the start of the year against them. I don’t know how they’re judging themselves against us from the end of the year when we had more success. Honestly, it’s a fresh start for both teams. Both are playing well. What did we do better (in the later games)? Better third periods. That was a problem early in the year. I know in those games we made some critical mistakes that ended up in our net. We managed the puck better in those last three games.”

Cassidy said the opponents have similar approaches.

“They’re a patient team. They defend well. Two good goaltenders. They have a lot of our attributes,” he said. “They’re structured, they play with discipline. They have good goaltending. Their D certainly gets involved but they want to play D first. They have different lines that can hurt you. In that respect, we’re playing ourselves a little bit.”

The Islanders advanced after upsetting the top-ranked Penguins in six games, capped

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GOLF

Spieth, Garcia open with 63s

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — Phil Mickelson kept hearing congratulatory words as he made his way around Colonial, and there was a huge roar from the crowd when the PGA Championship winner made a long putt to finish his round yesterday. Jordan Spieth kept making birdies in the same group.

Spieth shot a 7-under 63 on a breezy day and was tied for the first-round lead at the Charles Schwab Challenge with Sergio Garcia, who had a 15-foot birdie attempt on the 18th hole that circled the edge of the cup but didn’t go in. Both former Colonial champions had bogey-free rounds.

The 50-year-old Mickelson, only four days after becoming the oldest winner of a golf major, was 10 strokes back after a 73 that ended with the 22-foot birdie while playing with local favorite Spieth and defending Colonial champion Daniel Berger (68).

“Yeah, I didn’t play well,” Mickelson said. “But I won the PGA, so.”

Garcia matched the closing 63 he had at Colonial when he got the first of his 11 PGA Tour wins 20 years ago at age 21. He was 5 under on the 21-hole stretch right in the middle of the round. He birdied holes No. 8-10 before an eagle at the 620-yard 11th, where he blasted out of a greenside bunker on the course’s longest hole.

“It was quite breezy. It was

gusty, so it wasn’t easy to pull some of the clubs,” Garcia said. “There were some tough holes out there, but I was able to hit really good shots on those holes, and a couple up-and-downs when I needed them.”

Right after Mickelson’s final putt at the 387-yard ninth, Spieth had a tap-in for his third birdie in a row, and seventh overall — and right after a 71-foot chip-in from the rough at the par-3 eighth. The 2016 winner and two-time runner-up had his best score in 33 career rounds at Colonial, one of two local events for the Dallas native, after rolling in a 12-foot birdie putt to start the day.

“It’s hard to go any lower,” Spieth said. “That’s what I talked about before the tournament. If I could get a couple to go in early in the first round, and the confidence, and the work I’ve been doing on my stroke the last few days ... I thought that would exude just a little bit of confidence into the rest of the round on greens where I’ve been very successful on before.”

Erik Compton, the two-time heart transplant recipient who got into the field on a sponsor exemption, and Jason Kokrak had 65s. The 41-year-old Compton played bogey-free after birdies on the first two holes of his second PGA Tour start this year. He missed the cut at the Honda Classic.

Mickelson, the 2000 and 2008 Colonial champ, missed nine of 14 fairways —

some with irons off the tee — in a scrambling early-starting round that followed an emotionally draining few days.

After winning Sunday at Kiawah Island in South Carolina, Mickelson flew home that night to California, then allowed himself a couple of days to relish his historic accomplishment. Lefty said he never considered skipping Hogan’s Alley, a tree-lined course he considers perfectly suited for his game because he doesn’t have to keep hitting drivers.

But the rough is thick after a lot of rain recently, and there is a good chance of more Friday.

Mickelson, playing his last tournament before the hometown U.S. Open at Torrey Pines next month, went into the rough on his first swing of the day. While saving par at the 407-yard 10th, he quickly had the first of his five bogeys at No. 11, where he hit two shots into the rough and another into a greenside bunker. He finally made a birdie at the par-3 16th from inside of 5 feet, then immediately gave that stroke back at No. 17 with the first two shots into the rough before a 44-foot shot into a bunker.

“It was almost like I was trying a little too hard, and I wasn’t just calm and let it happen, and I was a little bit antsy,” Mickelson said, then adding the term unsettled. “Like I just couldn’t quite get calmed down in that same frame of mind.”

Lacrosse

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we have been moving it faster. We are constantly moving.”

The Blue Devils got on the board with back-to-back goals toward the end of the second quarter from Chloe Denhart and Izzy Epstein, who ended with three each. DeGeorge responded with a goal, but Northampton went on to score five of the next six to close the gap to 12-7 halfway through the third.

Some words from Northampton coach Jordan Daniels at halftime helped spur the attack.

“I asked them if they wanted to win and if they believed they could and they said yes,” Daniels said. “They took that intensity and played their game.”

But as the home crowd got loud and the Blue Devils got into a groove, Butler scored three straight goals at the end of the third quarter to put Agawam back ahead, 15-7.

DeGeorge was a Super 7 selection coming into the spring and gets a lot of

attention from defenses, but Lemnah-Warner said the attacking group is deep and can take advantage.

“All the girls play off each other,” Lemnah-Warner said. “They know who is trailing and where everyone is. It’s been fun to watch.”

The Blue Devils continued to score in the fourth quarter with goals from Sophia Ciaglo, Denhart and Epstein, but Agawam’s off-ball movement and fluidity on the break kept the game out of reach.

Earlier this month, Agawam was a 14-12 winner.

“The second time around they were not surprised by us,” said Northampton coach Jordan Daniels. “I think they brought everything this game. I don’t believe we played as good as we played in the first game. We turned it over way more; that was the biggest no-no.”

More than halfway through the regular season, Agawam hopes to carry its progression into the final stretch before the postseason.

“Defensively we have improved as a team since that first game,” Butler said. “We came out to play today.”

Patriots

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process.

“In the quarterback’s case it’s pre-snap keys and real-time timing rather than watching it on film and that kind of thing, but real-time timing of here’s what happens when the ball’s snapped, here’s what I see, here’s where I go with the ball.

“But again, that’s true of every position. That’s what a good player will do, that’s what good professionals will go, they’ll take advantage of

every rep whether they’re in there or not and take advantage of the ones that they are in there, on the field for.”

According to tight end Hunter Henry, Jones is making the most of his opportunities.

“Mac’s doing a great job,” said Henry, a veteran free-agent addition from the Los Angeles Chargers. “He’s obviously new and I’m new so we’re just all going through (it) together and him being even new to the whole atmosphere of this next level. He’s doing a great job. Good to have him here. We’re all excited for him.”

Celtics

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you felt a little bit like that, because obviously they’re big in the — they can set, you can call it small ball, but when you have, Jeff Green, Durant, Harden, Joe Harris out there, those guys are all big, big guys. And so I think ultimately we’ll figure out who can best fit with those

guys and hopefully give us a little bit more size, especially on the perimeter.”

Grant Williams and Semi Ojeleye played sparingly in the first two games so they and Romeo Langford may be candidates for more minutes if Stevens elects to go bigger with his rotation.

The Celtics and Nets face off in Game 3 at 8:30 tonight at TD Garden.

Bruins

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by Wednesday’s 5-3 win. They were already thinking about Boston in the post-game.

“In the next day or two, we’ll get ready to go up against Boston. They’re playing some good hockey,” Kyle Palmieri said. “They beat a really good team. We beat a really good team.

It’s going to be another fun series to be a part of.”

Coach Barry Trotz offered a similar assessment.

“We’re going to have a big challenge with the Boston Bruins. They’re playing very very well,” he said. “They’ve got some game-changers on that Perfection Line and they really added to that second line. They’re a deep team that plays the right way. It’ll be an event for both teams.”

The series will be Boston’s last trip to the venerable Nassau Coliseum. The Islanders will open a new arena for the 2021-22 season.

Jeremy Lauzon was a full participant in yesterday’s practice, increasing the likelihood that the Bruins defensemen could be back in the lineup for round 2.

After the entire roster took Monday and Tuesday off, Lauzon returned to practice Wednesday in a red noncontact jersey, then took contact yesterday.

“He’s better. He had a normal jersey on today. For him there’ll be a little bit of repetition for practice and then pain tolerance and we’ll see if he’s cleared for Game 1 or not,” Cassidy said. “Obviously he’s a lot closer than the other guys. I don’t want to speculate, but he could be available early in the series the way he’s going right now.”

“My goal is to be ready as soon as possible,” Lauzon said. “Every day I’m making good strides. In the end, it’s not going to be my call, but for sure I’m feeling better and better every day.”

Kevan Miller, who has been out after sustaining a head injury during Game 4, has not yet returned to the ice. Jakub Zboril, who hasn’t played in the postseason after suffering an upper-body injury in the final game of the regular season, didn’t skate yesterday.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GLANCE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	32	20	.615	–
RED SOX	30	20	.600	1
New York	28	21	.571	2½
Toronto	25	23	.521	5
Baltimore	17	32	.347	13½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	20	.583	–
Cleveland	27	21	.563	1
Kansas City	23	25	.479	5
Minnesota	20	29	.408	8½
Detroit	19	31	.380	10
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	29	22	.569	–
Houston	27	22	.551	1
Seattle	23	27	.460	5½
Los Angeles	22	27	.449	6
Texas	22	29	.431	7
Wednesday's Games				
RED SOX 9, Atlanta 5				
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2				
St. Louis 4, Chicago White Sox 0				
Oakland 6, Seattle 3				
L.A. Angels 9, Texas 8				
Detroit 1, Cleveland 0				
Tampa Bay 2, Kansas City 1, 10 innings				
Houston 5, L.A. Dodgers 2				
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.				
Thursday's Games				
Cleveland 5, Detroit 2				
Tampa Bay 7, Kansas City 2				
Toronto 2, N.Y. Yankees 0, 7 innings, 1st game				
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 2nd game, n				
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, n				
L.A. Angels at Oakland, n				
Texas at Seattle, n				
Friday's Games				
Miami (Poteet 2-0) at RED SOX (Pérez 2-2), 7:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Cole 6-2) at Detroit (Mize 3-3), 7:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Ryu 4-2) at Cleveland (Morgan 0-0), 7:10 p.m.				
Baltimore (Harvey 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 3-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Bubic 0-0) at Minnesota (Dobnak 1-3), 8:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Lamet 1-0) at Houston (Valdez 0-0), 8:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Cobb 2-2) at Oakland (Manaea 3-2), 9:40 p.m.				
Texas (Lyles 2-3) at Seattle (Sheffield 3-4), 10:10 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.				
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.				
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.				
Miami at RED SOX, 4:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.				
San Diego at Houston, 4:10 p.m.				
Toronto at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m.				
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE GLANCE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	20	.545	–
Philadelphia	25	26	.490	2½
Atlanta	24	25	.490	2½
Miami	24	26	.480	3
Washington	21	24	.467	3½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	22	.551	–
St. Louis	27	22	.551	–
Milwaukee	25	25	.500	2½
Cincinnati	21	26	.447	5
Pittsburgh	18	31	.367	9
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	32	19	.627	–
Los Angeles	30	19	.612	1
San Francisco	30	19	.612	1
Colorado	19	32	.373	13
Arizona	18	32	.360	13½
Wednesday's Games				
St. Louis 4, Chicago White Sox 0				
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 1				
RED SOX 9, Atlanta 5				
Miami 4, Philadelphia 2				
San Diego 2, Milwaukee 1, 10 innings				
Houston 5, L.A. Dodgers 2				
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4				
Cincinnati at Washington, sus.				
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, ppd.				
Thursday's Games				
N.Y. Mets 1, Colorado 0, 7 innings, 1st game				
N.Y. Mets 4, Colorado 2, 7 innings, 2nd game				
Philadelphia 3, Miami 2				
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 3				
Milwaukee 6, San Diego 5, 10 innings				
Washington 5, Cincinnati 3, 1st game				
Cincinnati at Washington, 2nd game, n				
St. Louis at Arizona, n				
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, n				
Friday's Games				
Cincinnati (Gutierrez 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Alzola 2-4), 2:20 p.m.				
Colorado (Gray 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-6), 6:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Anderson 2-3) at Washington (Lester 0-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Anderson 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), 7:10 p.m.				
Miami (Poteet 2-0) at RED SOX (Pérez 2-2), 7:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Lamet 1-0) at Houston (Valdez 0-0), 8:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Oviedo 0-2) at Arizona (Bumgarner 4-4), 9:40 p.m.				
San Francisco (DeSclafani 4-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 3-0), 10:10 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.				
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.				
Miami at RED SOX, 4:10 p.m.				
San Diego at Houston, 4:10 p.m.				
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Washington, 7:15 p.m.				
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m.				
St. Louis at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.				

GOLF		
Charles Schwab Challenge		
Thursday		
At Colonial Country Club; Fort Worth, Texas		
Yardage: 7209; Par: 70		
FIRST ROUND		
Jordan Spieth	31-32	-7
Sergio Garcia	32-31	-7
Erik Compton	33-32	-5
Jason Kokrak	32-33	-5
Adam Hadwin	32-34	-6
Brandt Snedeker	31-35	-6
Kramer Hickok	32-34	-6
Patton Kizzire	34-33	-7
Cameron Tringale	33-34	-7
Talor Gooch	32-35	-7
Robert Streb	35-32	-7
Sebastián Muñoz	36-31	-7
Byeong Hun An	35-32	-7
Brian Stuard	33-35	-8
Ian Poulter	33-35	-8
Patrick Reed	35-33	-8
Justin Rose	35-33	-8
Daniel Berger	34-34	-8
Richy Werenski	35-33	-8
Sepp Straka	35-33	-8
Doug Ghim	34-34	-8
Doc Redman	35-33	-8
Troy Merritt	32-36	-8
Camilo Villegas	33-36	-9
Tyler McCumber	35-34	-9
J.J. Henry	34-35	-9
Henrik Norlander	33-36	-9
Kevin Streelman	37-32	-9
Joaquin Niemann	34-35	-9
Kyle Stanley	33-36	-9
Will Zalatoris	35-34	-9
Vincent Whaley	33-36	-9
Brian Harman	34-35	-9
Rory Sabbatini	35-34	-9
Tony Finau	35-34	-9
Andrew Putnam	35-34	-9
Kevin Kisner	32-37	-9
Collin Morikawa	33-36	-9
Joseph Bramlett	34-35	-9
John Augenstein	34-35	-9
Robby Shelton	35-35	-70
Scottie Scheffler	33-37	-70
Peter Uihlein	36-34	-70
Corey Connors	34-36	-70
Pat Perez	35-35	-70

MARKETS

DOW	
▲ 141.59	34,464.64
NASDAQ	
▼ 1.72	13,736.28
NYSE	
▲ 79.98	16,531.94
S&P 500	
▲ 4.89	4,200.88

RATES

EXCHANGE AND INTEREST RATES		
NEW YORK • Key currency exchange rates yesterday, as compiled by the Associated Press. The numbers represent the price of one unit of each currency, expressed in U.S. dollars.		
DOLLAR VS:	EXCH.RATE	PRV. DAY
Pound.....	1.4212	1.4125
Canadian dollar.....	.8288	.8255
Euro.....	1.2199	1.2193
Yen.....	.009108	.009163
Mexican peso.....	.050032	.050268
Swiss franc.....	1.1148	1.1141
METAL		
PRICE (TROY OZ.)	PRV. DAY	
NY HSBC Bank Gold.....	\$1896.00	\$1876.00
NY Merc Gold.....	\$1895.70	\$1881.80
NY Merc Silver.....	\$27.919	\$28.052
CRUDE OIL		
New York Mercantile exchange		
EXP. SETTLE	CHG.	
Light Sweet Crude.....Jul.....	\$66.85	+.64
MONEY RATES		
Prime Rate.....	3.25	
Discount Rate Primary.....	0.75	
Fed Funds Target.....	0.00-0.25	
FNMA 30-yr mtg commitment	2.42	
60-days:		

CHICAGO

Boeing to pay \$17M to settle production issues

Federal officials say Boeing will pay at least \$17 million and take steps to fix production problems on its 737 jets including the Max.

The Federal Aviation Administration said yesterday that the settlement covers the installation of unapproved sensors and other parts on some Boeing 737 NG and 737 Max planes built between 2015 and 2019.

The settlement, while not a large sum for Boeing — the company had \$15 billion in revenue in 2020, a down year — is the latest black eye for the iconic American manufacturer. Boeing is still struggling to recover from two deadly crashes that led to a long grounding of Max jets worldwide and other problems that have plagued the Max and other aircraft models.

WASHINGTON

Yellen says recovery likely to be ‘bumpy’

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen says that the economic recovery is going to be “bumpy” with high inflation readings likely to last through the end of this year.

But Yellen insisted that the infla-

tion pressures will be temporary and if they do threaten to become embedded in the economy, the government has the tools to address that threat.

In testimony before a House Appropriations subcommittee yesterday, Yellen was asked about a big jump in prices reported last week, which showed consumer price index rising by 4.2% over the past year, the largest 12-month gain since 2008.

Yellen said that the April price increase was the result of a number of special factors related to the economy opening back up. She said as she has in the past that the price jump would be temporary but she indicated it would be more than a one-time gain.

“I expect it to last, however, for several more months and to see high annual rates of inflation through the end of this year,” Yellen told lawmakers.

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US pending home sales decline unexpectedly

U.S. pending home sales fell unexpectedly in April for the third time in the last four months, reflecting a lack of affordable properties that continue to restrain the housing market.

The National Association of Realtors’ index of pending home

sales decreased 4.4% from the prior month to 106.2, the lowest reading since May of last year, according to data released yesterday. The median estimate in a Bloomberg survey of economists called for the measure to rise 0.4%.

Elevated asking prices, reflecting the limited supply of homes on the market, are making properties less affordable and restraining sales. While declining in April, the NAR’s gauge of contract signings on existing properties is still up 53.5% from a year earlier on an unadjusted basis.

That indicates underlying buyer interest that could translate into a pickup in sales once more properties are listed for sale.

NEW YORK

Oil edges higher

Oil edged higher as strong U.S. economic data fueled a broader rally and Wall Street stuck to bullish views on climbing commodity prices.

West Texas Intermediate rose above \$66 a barrel, reversing a decline of as much as 1.1% earlier yesterday. Underscoring the recovery in the U.S. economy and its oil consumption, American drivers are traveling almost as many miles on interstates as they did in 2019 and jobless claims have fallen to a fresh pandemic low as businesses reopen. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. analysts

said commodities continue to face incremental tightness in the second half, with little evidence to suggest enough of a supply response to derail the bull market.

Limiting further gains, Iran and world powers in Vienna are trying to revive a nuclear accord that could lift sanctions on the Persian Gulf nation’s oil flows. It could bring additional output to the market just as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies are also reviving some of their shuttered production.

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US average mortgage rates decline

Mortgage rates declined this week, pushing the benchmark 30-year home loan back down below the 3% mark. Signs continued of the economy’s recovery from the pandemic recession.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported yesterday that the average for the 30-year rate fell to 2.95% from 3% last week. At this time last year, the average long-term rate was 3.15%.

The rate for a 15-year loan, popular among those seeking to refinance, eased to 2.27% from 2.29% last week.

— *Compiled from wire reports*

LOCAL INTEREST														
Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc s	.88	.7	34	125.28	-1.57	-5.6		BaringsPt	1.08	7.9	...	13.66	+1.1	+51.0
AveryD	2.72	1.2	29	218.64	+1.93	+41.0		BerkHBCp	.48	1.7	...	27.62	+1.22	+61.3
BkofAm	.72	1.7	18	42.55	+5.1	+40.4		Danaher	.84	.3	52	255.23	+3.46	+41.9
BaringsCp	.96	6.4	...	15.00	+1.0	+13.8		EverscrE	2.27	2.8	23	81.15	-3.5	-6.2

NYSE														
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)					LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	% Chg	Name	Last	Chg	% Chg	Name	Last
AMC Ent	6981246	25.52	+35.6		AMC Ent	26.52	+6.96	+35.6	EAndinB	11.80	-1.95	-14.2	DOW	34608.82
FormD	2752228	14.88	+7.1		BIT Min	8.71	+1.63	+23.0	Thermon	17.31	-2.21	-11.3	DOW Trans.	15774.27
GenElec	1841323	14.35	+7.1		BldBear	16.51	+2.44	+17.3	Realogy	17.49	-1.94	-10.0	DOW Util.	901.70
Palatini r	760198	22.70	+2.6		Orgma	18.99	+2.62	+16.0	BartowGR	26.37	-2.67	-9.2	DOW Stocks	11636.92
CocaCola	590439	55.49	+5.8		VirginA	31.09	+4.09	+15.1	CVR Pitr rs	59.36	-4.44	-7.0	NYSE Comp.	16546.36
BkofAm	529138	42.55	+4.1		PeabodyE	6.48	+8.1	+14.3	BoSBear	1030.45	-75.49	-6.8	NASDAQ	13776.52
NokiaAcP	818957	50.07	+2.4		AlphMetal	18.42	+2.24	+13.8	ChnLED	9.73	-5.8	-5.6	S&P 500	4213.38
Uber Tch	513180	50.71	-8		Waterdrrp	8.49	+9.6	+12.7	DesignBr	18.61	-8.2	-4.2	S&P 400	2732.97
VirgnGrd	484470	31.09	+15.1		HimmsHrs n	13.90	+5.1	+12.2	LionEL	19.16	-7.9	-4.0	Wilshire 5000	44011.88
AT&T Inc	474335	29.71	+5		CONSOL	15.31	+1.54	+11.2	Azul	25.44	-1.02	-3.9	Russell 2000	2277.62

Bold stocks changed more than 5% in price and are worth \$5 or more. Underlined stocks are the 50 most active.															COMBINED MARKET LISTINGS																					
Div	Name	Last	Chg	Div	Name	Last	Chg	Div	Name	Last	Chg	Div	Name	Last	Chg	Div	Name	Last	Chg	Div	Name	Last	Chg													
A-B-C				D-E-F				G-H-I				J-K-L				M-N-O				P-Q-R				S-T-V												
...	AurGHI	2.85	+2.1	...	Chewy	75.28	+1.32	...	DoorDash n	152.82	+10.96	...	Gap	35.15	+1.13	...	IzeaWrlwdw	2.84	+0.1	1.26f	Mondelez	63.31	-3.2	3.60	Philips66	84.41	+1.04	...	Snowflake n	245.15	+9.90	...	Ums Grp	16.23	+3.0	
...	AuriniaPh	14.24	+1.1	1.32f	Chimera	u14.03	+0.6	...	DuuVyu	8.86	+3.1	...	GeefGroup	54.30	+9.2	...	J-K-L			1.26f	MoneyGram	9.85	+3.6	...	PierisPhm	3.81	+4.2	...	SOC Telmd	6.05	-0.8	1.44	UDR	45.36	+0.8	
...	AuroraC	u9.57	+4.8	...	Chindata n	16.18	-0.8	2.80	Dow Inc	68.66	-2.104 GenG	15.45	+9.5	...	KnSwrTf	47.96	+2.0	...	MonstrBv	93.31	-1.0	...	Pindudum	119.66	-3.91	...	SonimTc	5.03	-0.3	1.38f	UOI Corp	46.98	+0.46	
...	Autodesk	286.67	-5.84	3.12e	ChubbBL	169.35	+3.20	...	DrAfKInc	50.40	+9.4	2.04f	GenMills	62.08	+5.2	3.60	JPMorgCh	164.35	+2.52	1.40	MorgStan	90.30	+9.5	3.32f	PintWst	84.22	-2.19	...	SonocoP	67.22	-1.5	...	UWM H n	51.7	+6.0	
...	2.48	AutoInt	106.39	+5.84	1.01f	ChurchDtd	85.31	-1.35	...	Dropbox	27.77	+3.6	...	GenMotors	99.77	+1.69	...	JaguarHl	1.68	-0.2	...	Mofasac	35.99	+5.4	...	PinetSt Hn	89.17	-1.2	...	SonyCap	99.57	+1.15	...	Uber Tch	50.71	-4.1
...	3.64	AutoPat	112.32	+3.38	...	CinCibeli	15.41	-1.6	1.20	DuPont	84.72	+1.47	4.24f	JohnCnfr	168.85	+2.2	...	Jefferies	10.55	+2.2	...	MsSys	4.56	+1.7	...	Pinterest	64.30	+1.36	2.64f	SouthCo	63.66	-0.6	...	UnderArm	19.23	+9.1
...	...	Avalta	32.14	+5.9	...	CinCibeli	15.41	-1.6	3.86f	DukeEnerg	100.01	-1.10	...	Genworth	4.22	-0.2	...	JohnCnfr	168.85	+2.2	...	MultPlan	8.53	+0.0	2.20f	PionMtrI	9.11	+9.16	...	UnderArm C wI	22.87	+9.1				
...	...	Azul	25.44	-1.02	...	CinCibeli	15.41	-1.6	1.02f	DukeEnerg	46.13	-0.6	1.36m	GeoGrp	45.12	+0.1	...	JohnCnfr	168.85	+2.2	...	MurphO	21.69	+4.0	2.20f	PionMtrI	9.11	+9.16	7.2f	SwstAIr	61.73	+5.2	4.28f	UnionPac	29.23	+0.4
...	...	B2gldg	5.07	-0.4	...	Cinedig h	1.44	-0.3	...	DynavaTc	8.31	+4.5	...	GenonCp	1.42	-0.3	...	NOV Inc	16.24	+1.7	1.30f	NRG Ene	32.34	-5.0	...	PitneyBw	8.50	+3.1	...	SwstEngn	5.33	-0.8	...	UnderAirH	59.13	+1.2
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...	...	BK HHC	24.34	+1.7	...	CinCibeli	15.41	-1.6	...	GlobalTsp	20.76	-4.7	...	GileadSci	65.95	+1.5	...	Keurig	63.54	-5.5	...	NXP Semc	20.22	+4.0	...	PinsGen	6.94	+0.4	...	SPRtAure	49.54	+2.89	...	US Bancpr	60.74	+1.01
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1 Fruit or bird

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4 Neck warmer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5 Sluggish

6 Cry of discovery

7 Sweltering

8 Stopped sleeping

9 Bearded flower

10 Weighty book

11 Crumple

18 Stein fillers

20 Qatar ruler

22 November verb

23 PC bailout key

24 Peek

25 Machu Picchu founder

26 Light-weight toy

27 Bering Sea birds

28 Hold on to

31 Squirrel staples

33 Doris or Dennis

35 Out loud

37 Ballet lake

40 On deck

42 Reflections

44 Like an old piano

45 Berry products

46 Poetic twilights

47 Bend forward

48 Playwright O’Casey

49 Corner

50 Sub — (secretly)

51 Era

54 Stoooge with bangs

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1 Protrude

4 Pop

7 Wizardry

12 Granada gold

13 Sch. URL ender

14 “If — Would Leave You”

15 White wine cocktail

16 Beverage with tapioca pearls

18 Consume

19 Closes noisily

20 Molt

22 Uncle (Sp.)

23 Envelope part

27 Drs. that deliver

29 Percent-age posted by a bank

31 College study

34 Octet count

35 Parka

37 “— who?”

38 Feedbag fill

39 Hooting bird

41 Gusto

45 Lieu

47 Tic-tac-toe loser

48 Ephem-eral

52 7, on old phones

53 Senior member

54 A billion years

55 Summer in Paris

56 Sly one

57 Apt. divisions

58 Vegas lead-in

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1 Comic’s repertoire

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday’s answer 5-28

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Fate of exercise equipment becomes sore subject

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, while living with my sister, I bought a \$900 rowing machine I could barely afford. I loved it and used it often. Two years ago, since we were moving out, I decided to let my sister take the rowing machine because my new apartment building had three and hers had no gym at all. It worked perfectly, and I thought I was doing her a favor because she couldn’t afford a gym membership. My intention was to take back the rowing machine when I eventually had room to put it somewhere in a future home.

Well, after recently moving into my new home and requesting she return it, she informed me that it was hers now. That was never my intention. She has gotten my other sister and our parents to side with her, and they’re making me feel like a bad person for even asking for it. Now I’m left to shop for a new machine, while the original sits in her new large home gym along with her Peloton.

She never offered to buy it, ever.

DEAR ABBY

She just insists it’s hers now because I “gave” it to her. I still need a rowing machine, and I get upset every time I look at new ones online. It just feels wrong that I have to buy another one. What should I do? - BUFF BRO IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BRO: Buy another one. If it wasn’t made absolutely clear to Sissy that you expected the rowing machine to be returned at a later date, she was within her rights to conclude that it was a gift. If you DID make that clear to her when you moved out, then shame on her. But either way, it’s not worth a family feud.

DEAR ABBY: Some close friends have an adult child with a severe disability. They’ve been upfront about it and his need to be present in the community. I applaud their attitude, but on a personal level, I don’t know how to handle it.

They have a big family celebration coming up, assuming things continue to improve COVID-wise. I’m tired of not knowing how to interact with this person. Other people laugh and joke

and seem to have a nice relationship with him. I struggle to understand, and I don’t know if I should just be honest and say I don’t know what to do or say. I feel I’m missing out on what others see. How do I move along? - AWKWARD IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR AWKWARD: I don’t think it’s necessary to explain to your friends that you feel uncomfortable interacting with their disabled child. I do think you should tell them you would like to interact more fully with him and ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS on how you can achieve that. They wouldn’t find it offensive. In fact, they may appreciate your being forthright, because I’m willing to bet not everyone has been as compassionate as you — or as direct.

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

If today is your birthday: Stay on top of your spending habits this year. Look for alternative ways to bring in cash. Physical action will help you get things done. Listen to reason, verify facts and don’t rely on someone to do things for you. Indecisiveness is a red flag. Back away from questionable situations. Be direct and personable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Take care of your responsibilities. Keep your plans and budget reasonable. Take responsibility for your actions and words.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Don’t jump to conclusions. Go directly to the source and get information in writing. An open mind will be necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - A curious mind will help you distinguish between what’s authentic and what isn’t. Keep your wits about you to ensure no one takes advantage of your kindness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You’ll accomplish the most if you find yourself a quiet cubbyhole where you can focus without interruptions. It’s OK to distance yourself from drama.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Channel your emotional energy into something constructive. Idle time will lead to an unnecessary argument. Bide your time and think matters through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Let go of sentimentality. A minimalist approach will lead you to peace of mind and the opportunity to achieve your goals. Start making things happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - If you let someone pressure or tempt you into something outlandish, you will have regrets. Change what’s necessary, and believe only what’s verified.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Share your thoughts, and make decisions in conjunction with people you love. The changes you make will bring you closer to the lifestyle you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Uncertainty is the enemy. Use your ingenuity and do the research necessary to help you gain perspective regarding something you want to pursue.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Look at every angle of a situation before you make a decision. Listen to your inner voice, not to someone filling your head with unrealistic pursuits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Look at the big picture before trying something new. Having a good sense of what you want and what’s available will help you choose a path that leads to victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Don’t cross boundaries. Do what you can without compromising your beliefs, integrity or financial budget.

ALMANAC

Today is the 148th day of 2021 and the 70th day of spring.

TODAY’S HISTORY: In 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act into law.

In 1937, the government of Germany formed the automobile company that would later be known as Volkswagen.

In 1961, English lawyer Peter Benenson’s article “The Forgotten Prisoners” was published in London, forming the basis for the human rights organization Amnesty International.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Moore (1779-1852), poet; Jim Thorpe (1888-1953), multisport athlete; Ian Fleming (1908-1964), author; Jerry West (1938-), basketball player/executive; Rudy Giuliani (1944-), politician; Gladys Knight (1944-), singer-songwriter; John Fogerty (1945-), singer-songwriter; Kylie Minogue (1968-), singer-songwriter; Marco Rubio (1971-), politician; Elisabeth Hasselbeck (1977-), TV personality.

TODAY’S FACT: Leonardo Da Vinci’s biographer described “The Last Supper” as “ruined” by deterioration in 1556, less than 60 years after the painting’s completion. Da Vinci’s masterpiece was put back on display in Milan, Italy, on this day in 1999, after a 22-year restoration.

TODAY’S SPORTS: In 1957, Major League Baseball’s National League owners unanimously approved the moves of the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants to Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively.

TODAY’S QUOTE: “I was never content unless I was trying my skill ... or testing my endurance.” — Jim Thorpe

BRIDGE

By PHILLIP ALDER

When the masterpoint scheme was started in 1936 by the American Bridge League (now the American Contract Bridge League), 10 players were awarded the rank of life master based on their tournament record. The last survivor of that group was Sam Fry, Jr., who died in 1991.

Fry won a silver medal at the 1959 Bermuda Bowl world team championship and collected six national titles, including the Spingold Knockout Teams (three times) and the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams (once).

In 1966, a Columbia University team played a match against four experts who were Columbia alumni. The experts lost the 20-board match despite Fry’s excellent play on this deal. Against three no-trump, West led a fourth-highest spade five, and East put up the 10. What did Fry (South) do?

Fry might have bid three clubs at his second turn, but he liked his strong spade holding for no-trump purposes. He decided to take a gamble on the diamond suit. (Note that if Fry had rebid three clubs, North would probably have signed off in three no-trump

North

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♠ K 6 2

♥ K 8

♦ Q 10 5

♣ K J 7 5 4

West

♠ Q 8 7 5 3

♥ Q 9 6 2

♦ A 9 4

♣ 6

East

♠ 10 4

♥ J 7

♦ K J 8 7 3

♣ Q 8 3 2

South

♠ A J 9

♥ A 10 5 4 3

♦ 6 2

♣ A 10 9

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: Neither

South 1♥

West 1♠

North 2♣

East Pass

2NT

Pass

3NT

All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

and immediately lost five diamond tricks.)

Fry started by winning the first trick with the spade ace! This didn’t cost a trick because he could always finesse against West’s marked spade queen later.

Next, Fry ran the club 10. East won with the queen and could have switched profitably to a diamond, but understandably he thought declarer had the diamond ace and West the club ace. Therefore, East returned a spade, expecting to establish his partner’s suit. But Fry immediately claimed nine tricks: three spades, two hearts and four clubs.

CRYPTOQUIP

JY OTPJYIHZ LOGSSPL, DGIW

XJUGW ZST OIPP XVAJSOHV

AJLGVL WGIW UVW BIJHPZ

PSD UHIAVL? O-BSSA.

Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: POLICY IF YOU MAKE ALL YOUR MALE SIBLINGS STOP DRINKING ALCOHOL INDEFINITELY: BRO-HIBITION.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: O equals C

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

AVEEL

EGMIA

VLYTIE

DCLDOE

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Print your answer here:

“ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s

Jumbles: PAUSE BUGGY SONATA EMBODY

Answer: The superhero was out of bed early with plenty of — “GETUP” AND GO

FUN CORNER

LOCKHORNS ByBUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



ZITS By JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE By STEPHAN PASTIS



TIGER By BUD BLAKE



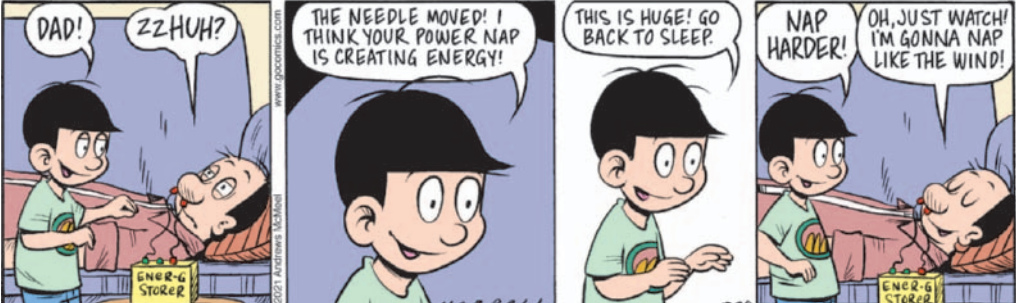
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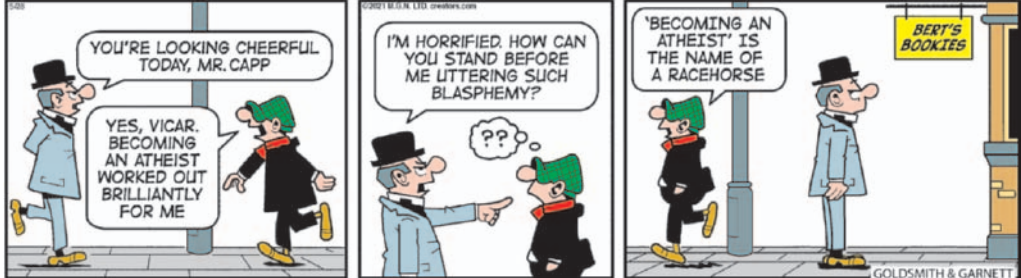
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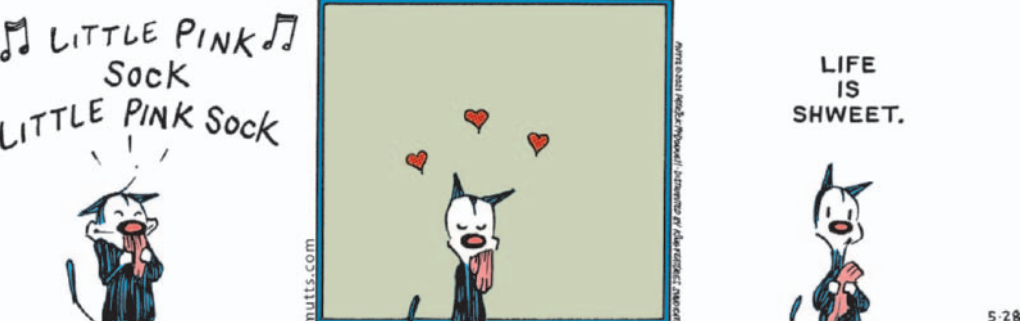
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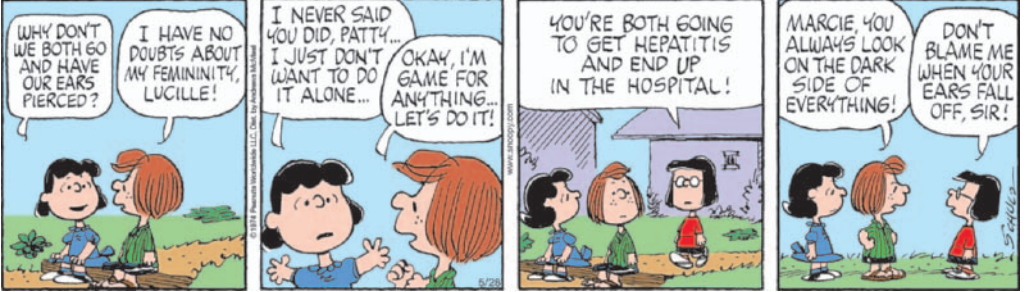
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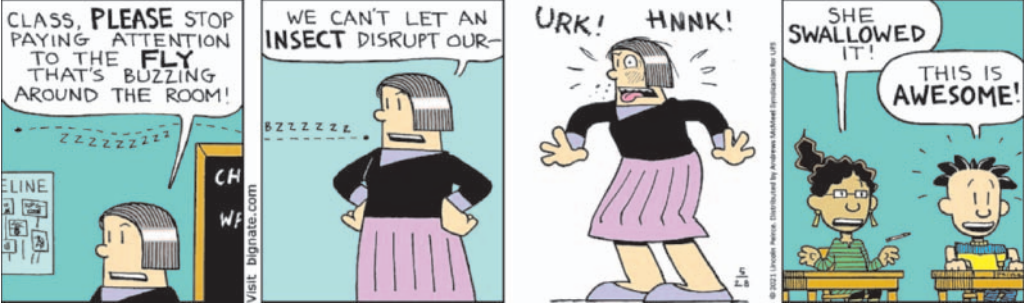
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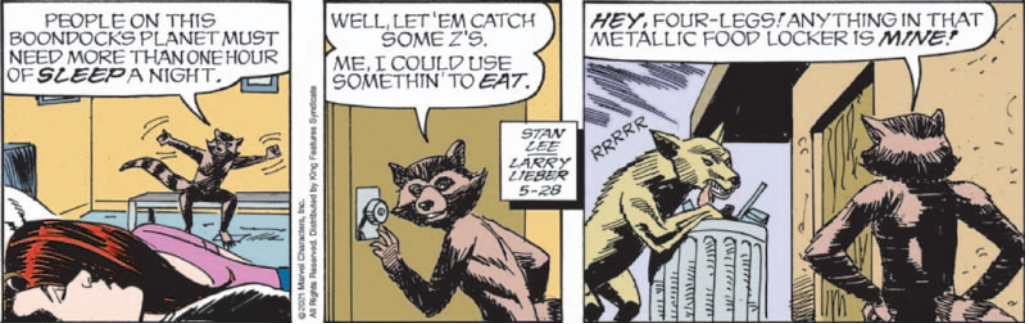
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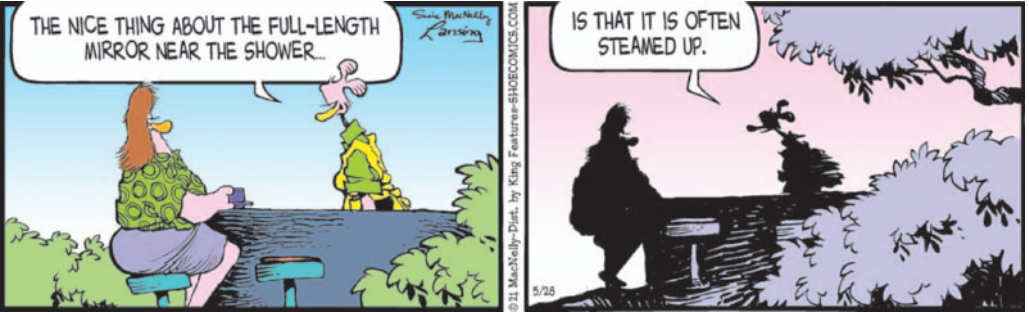
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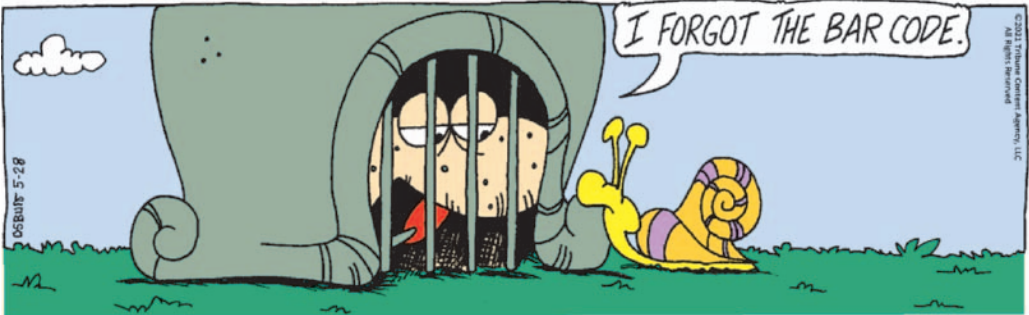
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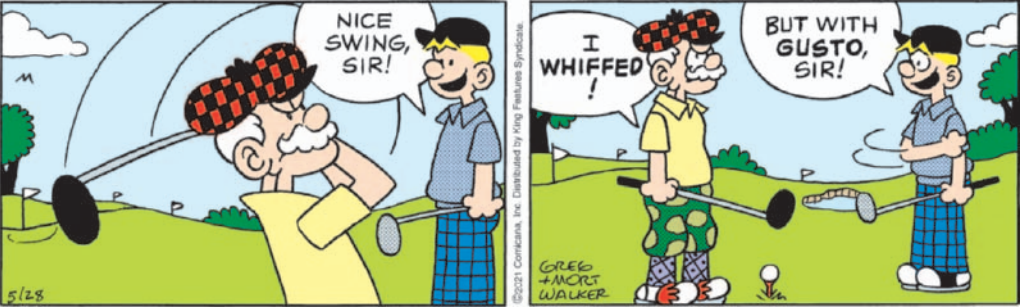
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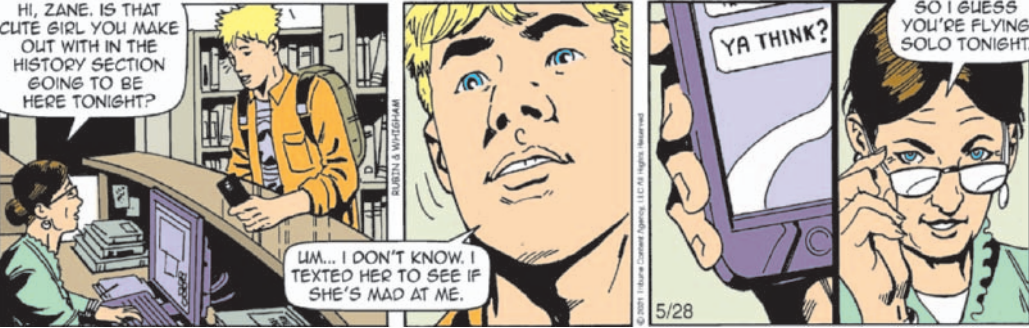
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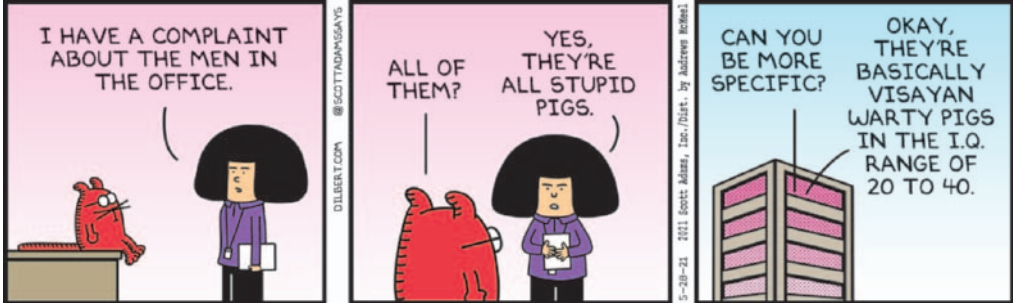
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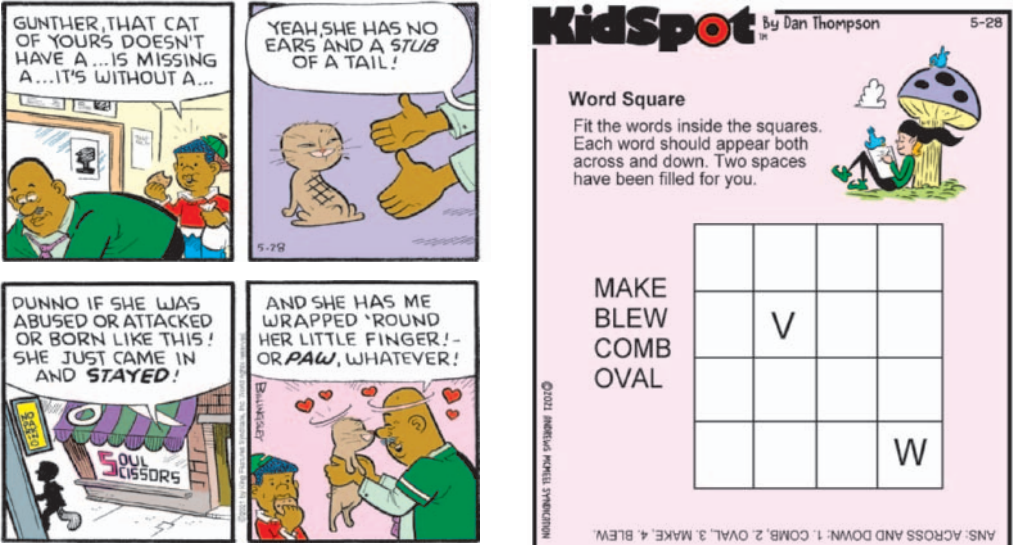
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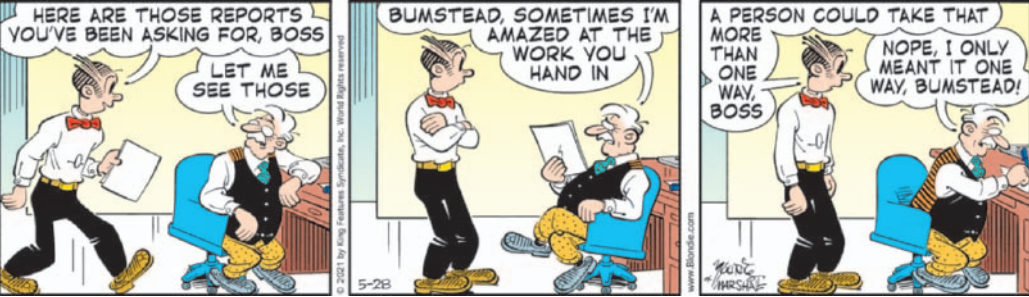
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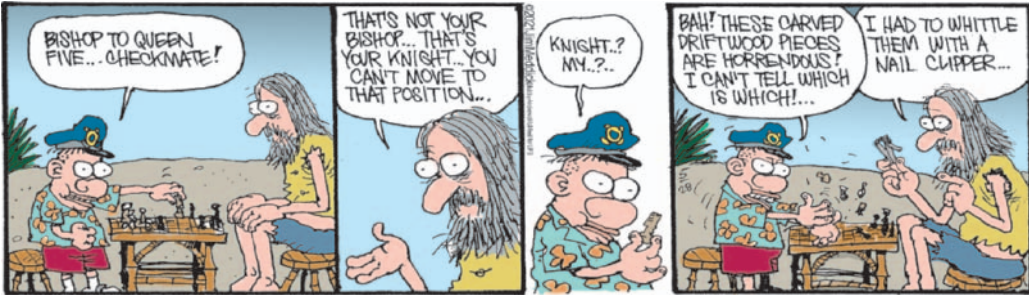
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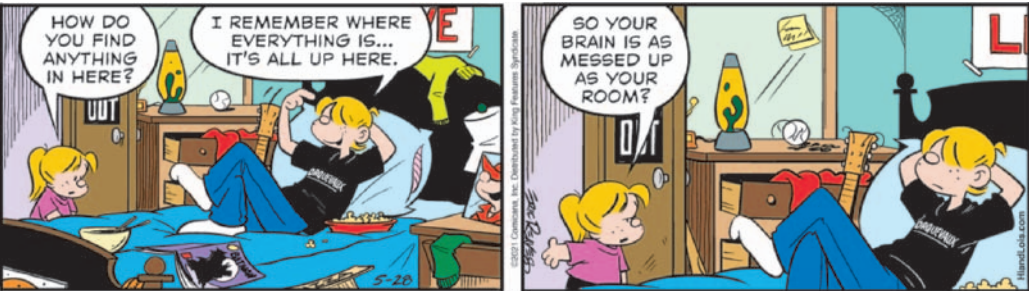
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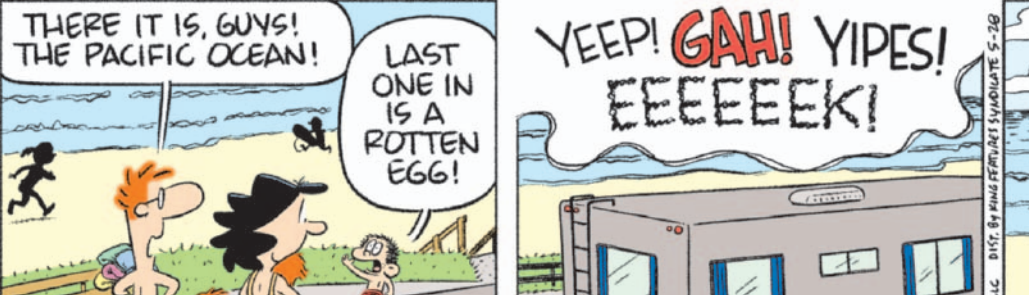
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